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WELCOME, NANCY K. KRUEGER

The law firm is pleased to announce that on July 16, 2019, Nancy K. Krueger joined the firm as an attorney. Nancy received her Bachelor of Arts degree in Art History, graduating with honors, from Smith College in Massachusetts. She received her Master of Business Administration from the University of Texas-Austin and her Juris Doctor from Capital University School of Law. She was admitted to practice in Ohio in 1995. Nancy is admitted to practice law before all courts in Ohio. She is a member of the Ohio State Bar Association.

Nancy's experience encompasses many areas of law, from working as an Assistant Prosecuting Attorney for the Franklin County Prosecutor's office, where she coordinated and directed prosecution of civil legal matters, to her time as Judicial Clerk for the Honorable Michael Close in the 10th District Court of Appeals. For ten years, she served as a freelance project consultant, providing management and project support to high-profile clients in the United States and the United Kingdom.

Although Nancy has spent most of the last decade in California, she has deep roots in Delaware County. Her early life was spent growing up on Fireside Farm in Delaware, Ohio. Living on a farm taught her the responsibility of being a good steward of the land and the unique beauty of Central Ohio. Nancy is excited about her return to Delaware and coming home to family, to community, and to her own farm.

Nancy's mother, Nancy M. Clatworthy, was an artist, a Professor of Sociology at OSU, and a breeder of Saddlebred horses on their farm in Delaware. The metal horses in the yard at The Arts Castle in Delaware, Ohio were sculpted by artist Jim Mason in tribute to Nancy M. Clatworthy from photos of her champion Saddlebreds.

Nancy's father, Everett H. Krueger, was a highly respected community leader in Columbus, Ohio. In his career, he was First Assistant Attorney General and acting Attorney General for the State of Ohio, later Chief of Staff for Governor O'Neill, then Senior Vice President of Bank One Columbus and Chairman of the Public Utilities Commission.

Nancy has two sisters, Kathy Barrows of Zanesfield, Ohio, and Kristin Mueller of Hattiesburg, Mississippi, and two brothers, Dr. T.C. Krueger of Nashville, Tennessee and longtime Delaware resident, Everett H. Krueger ("Kip"). Recently retired, Judge Krueger served 11 years on the Delaware Municipal Court bench and 24 years as Judge in the Delaware County Common Pleas Court. He also served a term as Chair of the Ohio Judicial Conference and as President of the Common Pleas Judges Association. Everett Krueger also served on the Board of Family Promise.

Welcome aboard, Nancy!

NEW NOTARY REQUIREMENTS EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 20

Currently, Ohio's requirements to become a notary public vary by county (except for attorneys, who have a lifetime commission). For persons other than attorneys applying to become a notary public, on or after September 20, 2019, the requirements will include passing a criminal background check, required coursework and passing an exam, all administered through the Ohio Secretary of State. The Secretary of State is in the process of adopting rules with respect to the standards and curriculum for these courses and the entities that offer them. The Secretary of State can charge an application fee of up to \$150 and the notary commission is good for five years.

If you are a current notary public, your commission will still be valid until it expires; however, upon expiration, you will be required to undergo a criminal background check and pay a fee not to exceed \$60. If you fail to renew your notary commission, you must reapply and meet all the new requirements, including passing an examination. Attorneys are exempt from these requirements.

In addition, this new legislation will allow electronic notarization in which the notarization would be conducted via live two-way audio-video connection rather than in person. This type of notarization will require notaries, including attorneys, to hold additional authorization, participate in continuing educational classes and have specific types of audio-visual equipment and software. Unlike with regular notarization, notaries who do electronic notarizations will be required to maintain and retain a log that identifies not only the affiant (the person who is signing the document that needs notarized) but also the title or description of each document electronically notarized (at a real estate or real estate financing closing the buyer/borrower may well sign up to a dozen documents that are notarized, each of which will have to be separately listed in the log). This legislation will impose stringent criteria on using this method to notarize documents. We do not believe that, at least in the short term, many notaries will offer electronic notarization due to the extra training required, the cost of the equipment and the required log. We are not sure that electronic notarization will be embraced by those who need their signature notarized as they must go to a location that has the necessary communication equipment rather than just going to a bank or other institution that has a notary licensed in that state.

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