

**Court of Common Pleas  
County of Summit  
General Division**

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**For Immediate Release**

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***Judge Joy Malek Oldfield Appointed to Preside over Turning Point Program  
Summit County's Felony Drug Court***

Summit County, Ohio: Judge Joy Malek Oldfield has been appointed to serve as Presiding Judge of the Turning Point Program, Summit County's Felony Drug Court.

Turning Point is a specialized docket for non-violent, drug-dependent offenders to receive intensive court supervision, participate in appropriate drug and mental health treatment, and submit to random drug and alcohol testing. Turning Point's mission is to improve the overall quality of life in Summit County by providing a cost-effective way to reduce crime and allow offenders to transform into positive, contributing community members.

Judge Thomas Teodosio has presided over this docket since 2008. Recently elected to the Ninth District Court of Appeals, Judge Teodosio selected Judge Oldfield to take the reins, with Oldfield's official first session to take place on Monday, February 13, 2017.

"Judge Oldfield served successfully as the Drug Court Judge in Akron Municipal Court. I have confidence that she will excel at running the Turning Point Program and I know that the participants are in good hands," concluded Judge Teodosio.

"I am honored to take over as the Presiding Judge for Turning Point. I truly have a passion for working with people in recovery. It has been one of the most rewarding aspects of my judicial career," stated Judge Oldfield.

"My work as Presiding Judge of the Akron Recovery Court, as well as my involvement as a member of Summit County's Opiate Task Force has certainly prepared me to take on this task," concluded Judge Oldfield.

Judge Oldfield will continue to hold Turning Point sessions on Monday mornings, beginning at 8:30 a.m. Anyone interested in learning more about the Turning Point program should visit [www.summitcpcourt.net](http://www.summitcpcourt.net).

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