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Michael Donatini Named First Assistant Prosecuting Attorney for Ashland County

Ashland County Prosecuting Attorney Christopher R. Tunnell is pleased to announce that he has named Michael Donatini as his First Assistant Prosecuting Attorney.

Mr. Donatini has been with the office since February of 2008 and is primarily responsible for the Civil Division of the Prosecutor's Office. His daily duties involve advising the various governmental bodies that are statutory clients of the county prosecutor and litigating civil law suits and administrative hearings on behalf of the county and its 15 townships.

Prosecutor Tunnell explained, "The first assistant is like the executive officer on a ship. He is in charge when I am unavailable. The position carries administrative functions and works closely with our partner agencies to set policy and carry out the overall mission of the office." In announcing Mr. Donatini's promotion, Tunnell added, "Michael Donatini is a good man and a good attorney. He has my absolute trust and confidence."

During Mr. Tunnell's tenure as Prosecuting Attorney, he named only one prior First Assistant. Gary Bishop served in that capacity in 2016 before leaving the office, having been elected Prosecuting Attorney for Richland County.

Mr. Donatini, an Ashland native, is a graduate of Ashland University and University of Akron School of Law. He resides with his wife and two daughters in Ashland.