

## RESUME

**JAMES D. BENNETT**  
**ATTORNEY AT LAW**

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Attorney with over thirty (30) years experience as a Prosecutor and Solo Practitioner.

Over 145 felony trials and more than 150 bench trials

Five (5) civil jury trials

Served as legal advisor to all Miami County and Darke County law enforcement agencies

Senior trial counsel for over twenty (20) years

Board Certified in Criminal Trial Law, National Board of Trial Advocacy, 1996-1999.

Diplomate, Court Practice Institute, Chicago, Illinois, 1985.

Graduate, National Law Institute, (FBI Academy) Quantico, Virginia, 1989.

Certified Legal Instructor, Basic Peace Officer, Ohio Peace Officer Training Council, 1990-Present.

Certified Special Subjects Instructor, Corrections, Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission, 2013

## EDUCATION

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Juris Doctor, University of Dayton School of Law, 1985.

Admitted to Ohio Bar, May 1985.

Bachelor of Science in Business, Wright State University, Dayton, Ohio, 1981

Admitted to United States District Court, Southern District of Ohio, 2017

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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2017 to Present **Assistant Prosecuting Attorney**

Darke County Prosecutor's Office, Greenville, Ohio

Assigned to felony division of the Common Pleas Court. Responsible for the prosecution of routine felonies as well as major crimes. Prepare and present cases to the Darke County Grand Jury. Advise and consult with other government agencies on civil and criminal matters. Attend continuing legal education seminars to stay current with changes in State and Federal law. Prepare and approve search warrants. On call 24/7 to provide legal assistance as needed. Also serve as a utility attorney by covering cases in the municipal court as needed. In addition, assist with civil representation of County Agencies, including the Health Department, Township Trustees and Darke County Commissioners.

**2014 to 2017 Law Enforcement Training Officer (Legal Instructor)**

Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy, London, Ohio

Office of Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine

Conducted advanced training legal courses at the London and Richfield Campuses and other regional training sites. Advanced legal courses include Arrest, Search & Seizure, Civil Liability, Confessions and Interrogations, Search Warrants, Testifying in Court and Use of Force. Reviewed legal curriculum as required for Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission (OPOTC) lesson plan updates. Coordinated legal, advanced and basic law enforcement training programs.

**2012 to 2014 Attorney**

James D. Bennett, Attorney at Law, Troy, Ohio

Private practice of law – general practice with concentration in Domestic Relations and Estates.

**1985 to 2012 Assistant Prosecuting Attorney**

Miami County Ohio Prosecutor's Office, Troy, Ohio.

Began career assigned to Juvenile Court from 1985 to 1987. I was responsible for prosecution of juveniles in delinquent, unruly, and traffic offenses. I also represented the Children Services Board in abuse, neglect and dependency cases. In addition, I represented the Child Support Enforcement Agency in support and paternity matters.

In April of 1987 I was assigned to the felony division of the Common Pleas Court and continued that assignment until December of 2011. I was responsible for the prosecution of routine felonies as well as major crimes, including death penalty cases, major fraud, and RICO offenses. Supervised a staff of fourteen (14) persons.

Special Prosecutor assignments in Montgomery, Greene, Darke and Shelby Counties.

Prepared and presented cases to the Miami County Grand Jury on a bi-monthly basis for twenty-two (22) years.

Advised and consulted with other government agencies (Federal, State and Local) on criminal matters including the U.S. Attorney, FBI, DEA, IRS, and Ohio Attorney General.

Attended continuing legal education seminars in the area of criminal law to stay current with state and federal changes that affected prosecution and police investigations.

Prepared search warrants; provided charge approval and legal advice to all local law enforcement agencies. On call 24/7 to provided legal assistance as needed.

**1985 to 1995 Attorney**

James D. Bennett, Attorney at Law, Troy, Ohio

Part time private practice with emphasis in Domestic Relations and Civil Trial Law.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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### 2014 to 2017 **Law Enforcement Training Officer**

Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy, London, Ohio

Office of Ohio Attorney General Mike Dewine.

See description in Professional Experience

### 2013 to 2014 **Legal Instructor**

Clark State Community College Police Academy, Springfield, Ohio

Part time evening position during the legal portion of recruit training.

Instructed recruits in the area of the Ohio Criminal Code, Search & Seizure, Use of Force, Civil Liability, Interrogations and Confessions, and Testifying in Court.

### 2003 to 2014 **Legal Instructor**

Edison Community College Police Academy, Piqua, Ohio

Part time evening position during the legal portion of recruit training.

Instructed recruits in the areas of the Ohio Criminal Code, Search & Seizure, Use of Force, Civil Liability, Interrogations and Confessions, and Testifying in Court.

### 07/2013 to 10/2013 **Legal Instructor**

Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy, London, Ohio

Three month contract to instruct police officers in the areas of Civil Liability, Interrogations and Confessions, Testifying in Court, and Legal Updates. Also taught Inmate Rights & Civil Liability at the Basic Corrections Academy.

### 2011 to 2012 **Temporary Instructor**

Miami Jacobs Career College, Troy, Ohio

Instructed students in the areas of Juvenile Delinquency and Corrections.

### 2008 **Lecturer**

East Central Illinois Police Training Project, Urbana, Illinois

Participated as one (1) of three (3) lecturers' to Urbana/Champaign Police.

Child Sexual Assault: Interview, Investigation & Prosecution.

### 1990 to 2003 **Legal Instructor**

Miami Valley Regional Law Enforcement Academy, Clayton, Ohio

Part time evening position during the legal portion of recruits training.

Instructed recruits in the areas of Ohio Criminal Code, Search & Seizure, Use of Force, Civil Liability, Interrogations and Confessions, and Testifying in Court.

1998 **Lecturer**

Middle Atlantic Great Lakes Organized Crime Law Enforcement Network

Conducted two (2) day seminar for Indiana State Police.

Court Preparation, Testimony and Demeanor.

1993 to 1994 **Lecturer**

Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation and Identification, London, Ohio

Presented legal updates regarding Search & Seizure issues.

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## **MEMBERSHIPS**

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Ohio State Bar Association

Darke County Bar Association

National District Attorneys Association