



Bourelle, Howard Named “Outstanding Team Members”

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Erika Bourelle and Tommy Howard recently received the “Outstanding Team Member Award” from Warren County Prosecutor David P. Fornshell. The award is based on nominations from members of the Warren County Prosecutor’s Office and is given to the employee who exhibits outstanding commitment to their colleagues while carrying out the ideals and principles of the Prosecutor’s Office.

Erika has worked for the Prosecutor’s Office since March 2017, and currently serves as the Director of the Victim Witness Services. Erika’s co-workers included some of the following comments about her in their nominations:

“Erika is always very helpful and understanding when last minute situations pop up and schedules need to be adjusted. She is always willing to help cover or to find some way to work it out so that court or cases do get covered.”

“Erika’s door is always open to others and is always quick to lend a helping hand with whatever the situation is. When she senses that people have their hands full or are juggling a lot, she always offers to assist in whatever way possible. She has a genuine concern for others and is a pleasure to work with.”

“Erika is the whole package. She works hard and she is one of the most pleasant people with whom you could ever work. Erika is constantly jumping from one meeting to another handling different cases with different victims, witnesses, attorneys, and judges. She is able to relate so well to anyone that walks into the door of the Prosecutor’s Office. She is not only supportive of victims and witnesses but is also so supportive of those of us in the office. Many times, she also acts as a sounding board/psychologist for those in the office who have such a need. It helps that she is one of the most pleasant people with whom you could ever care to speak. She is always attentive with whomever she speaks and truly seems to care about whatever they say. With all she does, you would think she would have down days, but I cannot recall her not being “perky” and supportive. It is not a surprise the number of people that are seen sitting in her office speaking to her throughout the day. I truly appreciate everything she has done and continues to do for the office.”

Tommy has worked for the Warren County Child Support Enforcement Agency since July 2018, and currently serves as its Director. Tommy's co-workers included some of the following comments about him in their nominations:

"I have frequently joked this year in terms of my supervisory role in the Office that I ask myself, 'What would Tommy do?' I respect Tommy's ability to analyze an issue and make sound recommendations and decisions. He has been a good mentor for some of our newer assistant prosecutors joining the Office. He has also built strong professional relationships and is respected by his peers. Tommy has stepped in for coverage during multiple vacancies in his division. He remains positive and flexible through each change in staff or process. Tommy has been a pleasure to work with and I enjoy our conversations. I think he represents the Office well and we are lucky to have him."

"Tommy has been the advocate for a lot of good in the Child Support Enforcement Agency since he has taken over as Director. When the agency has lost older employees with knowledge and experience, Tommy was able to find and hire more than adequate replacements and to provide for proper training in the position which they filled. There has been change in the structure of the agency, new positions created, and old positions rendered obsolete. Each change has minimized something superfluous without compromising the productivity of the agency. Tommy trains new attorneys in how to be good prosecutors and also purposefully makes them feel valued by asking for input and listening thoughtfully to what is said. Tommy is an excellent motivator and a thoughtful supervisor. He makes sure to be invested in every employee, both agency worker and attorney."



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