



Portage County  
**Probate-Juvenile Court**  
Judge Patricia J. Smith

## **Probate Mission Statement**

To provide fair, impartial, efficient, and consistent resolutions to legal issues, disputes, and other legal matters for all who appear before the Court or for all whom the court has a duty to protect. We promise to uphold the Constitution of the United States, the laws of the State of Ohio, and the purpose of Probate Court system. We are committed to protecting the rights and safety of our citizens with dedication, professionalism, and integrity. We strive to efficiently and effectively fulfill the obligations and responsibilities established by Ohio law while maintaining the public's confidence and to provide quality and expediate services to the people of Portage County.

The Court will strive to accurately and efficiently maintain court records, provide timely access to the Court and its public records, and fulfill its obligations and responsibilities under Ohio law. To that end, the Court will also seek techniques, programs, resources, and new technology to provide for the community and to improve the lives of Portage County residents requiring the Court's services. The Court is committed to ongoing education, workshops, and seminars as a part of ongoing staff developments and training. We will strive to assure protection, security, and the best interests of those we serve to the best of the Court's abilities as permitted by law.