



# MEDINA COUNTY COMMON PLEAS COURT

## Probate and Juvenile Divisions

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KEVIN W. DUNN  
Judge

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## State of Ohio Flag Delivered for Display in Medina County Probate Courtroom



State Representative Sharon Ray presents Judge Kevin W. Dunn with the State of Ohio flag for the Medina County Probate Courtroom

MEDINA – When Judge Kevin W. Dunn moved to the new courthouse, the number of courtrooms for Juvenile and Probate Court increased from five to six. He found he was short one State Flag of Ohio for the new Probate Courtroom, so he reached out to State Representative Sharon Ray who delivered the flag Monday, August 11, 2025.

“The state flag is full of symbolism and history for Ohio,” Judge Dunn said. “It’s been noticeably absent to me in the Probate courtroom so I’m glad to be filling in the missing piece today.”

The flag, which was flown over the Ohio Statehouse in December 2023 before delivery to Medina County, was presented to Judge Dunn carefully boxed in the required 17-fold method, a procedure signed into law by the Governor in 2005. This folding procedure was created by Alex Weinstock, an Eagle Scout from Ohio’s Junction City Troop 260, to represent Ohio as the 17<sup>th</sup> state admitted to the Union. The flag will not be unfolded until it is placed on the staff in the courtroom.

Apart from a required folding procedure, Ohio Revised Code General Provision Chapter 5 dictates the display and maintenance of the state flag, ensuring its proper representation. Judge Dunn explained the importance of following the legislation for displaying flags in his courtrooms.

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“The state flag represents Ohio’s sovereignty, but it is also a symbol of our unity, impartiality, and commitment to upholding Ohio laws,” Judge Dunn said. “The United States flag and the State of Ohio flag convey that message without the need for spoken words.”

The Ohio state flag, known as the Ohio Burgee, is the only non-rectangular state flag in the United States, making it distinct from all other state flags. It features a unique swallowtail design with red, white, and blue elements that symbolize the state's history and geography.

The flag was drawn by John Eisenmann, an architect and designer for the Ohio State Pan-American Exposition Commission in 1901 and was officially adopted on May 9, 1902. Eisenmann created the design with triangles to symbolize Ohio’s hills and valleys, stripes to represent roads and waterways, and 17 stars to represent Ohio as the seventeenth state admitted into the Union. The red disc represents the seed of the buckeye, Ohio's state tree, and the white circle forms an "O" for "Ohio".

“The State of Ohio flag is so unique and is a symbol of pride to be an Ohio resident,” Representative Ray said. “I’m proud to deliver this flag to the new Probate courtroom. This courthouse was a labor of love between residents, county officials, and commissioners and will continue to serve Medina County, Ohio for years to come.”

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