

Employee Spotlight: Michelle Bommarito



Can you tell us a little bit about yourself?

I've been married to my husband, Chris, who is retired law enforcement, for almost 22 years. We have boy-girl twins who are both currently in college. My daughter, Olivia, is a senior at Grand Valley studying criminal justice and she recently completed an internship with the Victim/Witness Unit of the Kent County Prosecutors Office. My son, Dominic, is a senior at Davenport studying Business and plays hockey for the Davenport Panthers.

I grew up in Romulus, Michigan and moved to West Michigan when my husband had the opportunity to transfer. My family is most important to me. I'm a huge sports fan, especially being a hockey-mom. In my spare time I love going to sporting events, concerts/shows, and playing with our family pets. Most recently my family and I went to see the Broadway Show "The Outsiders" at DeVos Place...LOVED IT!

What is your position at Kent County and what individuals/customers do you work with?

I'm the Judicial Assistant/Court Recorder for the Honorable Chief Judge Jeffrey J. O'Hara at the 63rd District Court. I work directly with the Judge and other court staff regarding the cases he presides over. I also work in conjunction with the prosecutor's office, the public defender's office, various attorneys and their staff, the sheriff's department staff in the courtroom and at the jail, other departments within the county, and assist the public with any questions regarding the court process.

What are two or three things that people should know about your role?

I make sure the judge's daily docket runs efficiently, cases are scheduled timely, and all recording equipment is working properly. I also produce transcripts of hearings upon request.

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What is the most rewarding part of your job and the most challenging?

The most rewarding part of my job is our Recovery Court which was started by Chief Judge O'Hara. It is such a wonderful feeling to see people get their lives back after battling years of addiction... The hardest part of my job is hearing tragic details of certain cases that come before the Court.

Do you have any interesting/fun stories about your work with staff or residents that you would want to share?

It was fun to be a part of the first season of our court kick-ball team. And here at 63rd, we have the best potlucks to celebrate birthdays, milestone, and other special occasions.

Is there anything else you want to say/talk about?

I've worked in the court system most of my career, on the east side and west side of the state, and every day is something different, which I enjoy. From working at the County, I feel very fortunate to have made many friendships that will last a lifetime.

