

**January 30 , 2015-**

Former assistant county prosecutor Martin Burchfield was sworn in yesterday as judge of Van Wert County Common Pleas Court. Burchfield replaced retired Judge Charles D. Steele.

Burchfield stood in a packed courtroom to take his oath with his mother, Bettye, and wife, Susan nearby. When he spoke with Ohio Governor John Kasich regarding the position, he stated, "I want to: follow the law, keep the docket moving so that people aren't waiting for justice, and to make good, fair decisions for the people." He feels the position he holds has a lot of potential positives for the county.

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