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Prosecuting Attorney Mat Heck, Jr.
Elected American Bar Association Criminal Justice Section Chair-Elect

DAYTON, OH (8/15/2012) – At the 2012 American Bar Association’s annual meeting in Chicago, Montgomery County, Ohio Prosecuting Attorney Mathias H. Heck, Jr. was elected chair-elect of the ABA’s Criminal Justice Section (CJS).

The mission of the criminal justice section is to be “the unified voice of criminal justice.” To that end, the nearly 20,000 members include representatives from every aspect of the criminal justice system including prosecutors, public defenders, criminal defense lawyers, attorney generals, law students and professors of law, to name a few.

Ensuring that the criminal justice system operates efficiently and takes advantage of cutting edge technology, such as e-filing and e-discovery is a critical objective of the CJS. The United States has 25 percent of the world's prison population. Making sure the criminal justice system treats everyone fairly, both defendants and victims, is also a top priority.

The CJS also collaborates with defense lawyers and prosecutors in other countries to address issues such as globalization and cross-border crime.

Prosecutor Heck, who has been the elected prosecutor for Montgomery County, Ohio since 1992, has been a member of the Criminal Justice Section Council of the American Bar Association for many years and prior to being elected as the chair-elect, he served as an executive director of the White Collar Crime Division.

Prosecutor Heck said, “I am extremely proud and humbled to be elected and serve as chair-elect of this section, which includes attorneys representing the interests of all those with a stake in the criminal justice process.”

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