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Public Defender Anna White announces candidacy for 58th District Court

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Ottawa County Public Defense Attorney Anna White has announced her candidacy for a judgeship at the 58th District Court in 2026.

Judge Bradley Knoll, whose term ends in 2026, is barred from running again under age limitations. White announced her hope to fill his vacant position Dec. 5, as she runs for a six-year term.

“The justice system has a significant impact on the lives of individuals and families,” White said. “I believe every person deserves to be treated with dignity and to have their case considered carefully and fairly. My goal is to bring both expertise and empathy to every decision.”

In addition to her work as a defense attorney, White has experience as a social worker and previously served on the board of directors for the Fearless Family of Churches. She currently serves on the advisory team for Ridge Point Community Church and as a member of the Ottawa County Community Corrections Advisory Board.

For the past two years, White has served as board president of [Compassion Heart Ministries](#).

White believes her experience working with both victims and individuals accused of crimes has helped develop a deep respect for the dignity and humanity of every

person involved in the court process.

The election to fill Knoll's seat takes place in November 2026.

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