

DOCJT Announces Staff Retirements, Departure

This summer, the Department of Criminal Justice Training staff said goodbye to three, long-time employees: Compliance Section Supervisor Ron Godsey, Basic Telecommunications Supervisor Betty Godsey and General Counsel Steve Lynn.

Ron Godsey had served DOCJT since 1993, beginning as an instructor in the Basic Training Branch, and moving to in-service in 1996. He became an investigator in the Compliance Section when it was created in 1999 and served as the Compliance Section supervisor for the past 10 years.

Godsey also served the Kentucky State Police for 25 years and served in the U.S. Army Reserves for 23 years. In his time at DOCJT he received numerous awards and letters of commendation highlighting the important and successful jobs in which he was involved in the agency.

Godsey had the fortune of serving alongside his wife, Betty Godsey, in his time at DOCJT. Betty Godsey came to DOCJT as a telecommunications instructor in 1995, and took on the first supervisory role in the newly-created Advanced Telecommunications Section in 2003. Godsey assisted in the passage of House Bill 406, ensuring that Kentucky's telecommunicators received the professional training necessary to best prepare them for their jobs. She also was named the first ever Kentucky 911 Hall of Fame inductee in 2011.

General Counsel Steve Lynn has served DOCJT since 2000, and he began his state government career in 1996 with the Legislative Research Commission as a staff attorney. In his time as general counsel, Lynn worked on the legal challenge of the death penalty on behalf of the Justice and Public Safety Cabinet, offered legal assistance to the cabinet's Office of Investigations, researched and advised DOCJT staff on legal issues in day-to-day operations, among many other duties and responsibilities.

Lynn left DOCJT to join the City of Owensboro as the assistant city attorney and to be closer to his family in western Kentucky.