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Mary Mertz, First Assistant Attorney General under Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine, oversees both the legal and administrative operations of the office. She uses skill acquired during her experience in both the private and public sectors to manage the office's pressing legal issues and ensure the operational needs of the office are met.

Prior to joining the Ohio Attorney General's Office, Mertz handled commercial litigation for a large multi-national law firm. She also counseled corporate clients, associations, coalitions, public agencies and individuals on government ethics law, lobbyist regulatory compliance and matters involving campaign finance.

She has also worked in the highest levels of state government. During former Governor George Voinovich's administration, Mertz both developed the administrative agenda for and served as the Governor's liaison to eight state agencies in the environmental, natural resources, and criminal justice areas.

Mertz also served as Lieutenant Governor Mike DeWine's Chief of Staff and in that role focused on the administrative areas of criminal justice, law enforcement and substance abuse. Mertz also worked as Legislative Director for Congressman Bob McEwen and in the Office of Legislative Affairs in The White House.

Mertz holds a law degree from The Ohio State University's Moritz College of Law, a Master of Arts in International Affairs from George Washington University, and a Bachelor of Science degree in Political Science from The American University.

