



Dave Yost • Auditor of State

Dave Yost became Ohio's 32nd Auditor of State on January 10, 2011, bringing to the office a depth of experience in public service and private practice of law in his native Delaware County.

A graduate of The Ohio State University, with a degree in journalism, Auditor Yost began his career as a young reporter with the former Columbus Citizen-Journal. He then served in senior positions with the administrations of Columbus Mayor Buck Rinehart and Ohio Governor George Voinovich.



After earning his degree in law at Capital University Law School in 1991, Auditor Yost became an attorney in private practice, a small business where he learned what it means to have capital risk and make a payroll.

In 1999, Auditor Yost was appointed to the Office of Delaware County Auditor and was subsequently elected to that office in 2000. As County Auditor, he returned thousands of dollars for local schools and county services by cracking down on those who abused tax incentives. In each of his four years in that office, Auditor Yost won The Auditor's Award as well as the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association.

Becoming Delaware County's Prosecuting Attorney in 2003, Auditor Yost continued his distinguished career in public service in that office through 2010, winning acclaim for his vigorous prosecution of political corruption – not only in his home county but also in three other counties where he was called to serve as special prosecutor. He also won the first-ever capital verdict in Delaware County and prosecuted the largest drug ring in the county's history.

In November 2010, Auditor Yost won statewide election as Ohio's Auditor of State, an office in which he now pursues his mission to protect Ohioans' tax dollars while aggressively fighting fraud, waste and misuse in public spending.

Auditor Yost and his wife, Darlene, make their home in Delaware County. They have three adult children and one grandchild.