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Occupation: Judge, Hamilton County Municipal Court

Education: J.D. from University of Dayton School of Law (1990). B.A. Political Science, University of Cincinnati (1987)

Work Experience: Municipal Court Judge (Feb. 2015-present). Court Administrator, Hamilton County Juvenile Court (2011-2015). Attorney at Rendigs, Fry, Kiely, and Dennis (1995-2005, 2007-2011). Attorney at Cohen, Todd, Kite and Stanford (2005-2007). Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, Hamilton County Prosecutor’s Office (1991-1995). Special Prosecutor, Ohio Organized Crime Commission (1994-1995)

Family: Divorced with 2 daughters: Madeleine (20), Amelia (18)

Affiliations: Ohio State and Cincinnati Bar Associations, Ohio Association of Court Administrators, Hamilton County Ethics Commission, Juvenile Court Advisory Counsel, Board of Directors of HOPE for Children and Families, Board Member for Journey to Successful Living, Ursuline Academy Parents Association and Dad’s Club, Member St. Mary Parish

Endorsements: Cincinnati Fraternal Order of Police, Queen City Lodge No. 69. Seeking the endorsement of Cincinnati Right to Life, Buckeye Firearms Association, and Cincinnati Firefighters, IAFF Local 48

Bar Association Ratings: Cincinnati Bar Association is not conducting a ratings survey

(1) List your judicial experience (courts & years).

Immediately prior to taking the bench in the Hamilton County Municipal Court, I was the Court Administrator for the Hamilton County Juvenile Court (2000-2015). In addition to my administrative duties, I would serve as a magistrate to cover dockets as needed. I also presided over matters scheduled on the docket for one of the two judges of the court while the judge was under interim suspension from the Supreme Court. I was also certified by the Ohio Supreme Court to serve as a Mayor’s Court magistrate. In February of this year, I was appointed as a Judge of the Hamilton County Municipal Court. I currently preside over all misdemeanor level criminal offenses and civil matters within the Court’s jurisdiction.

(2) What about your non-judicial legal experience qualifies you to be a judge?

Prior to taking the bench in the Hamilton County Municipal Court, I was a trial attorney for 20+ years. As an Assistant Hamilton County Prosecutor in the Criminal Trial Division (1991-1995), I prosecuted all categories of felony level offenses in Common Pleas and Juvenile Courts as well as all levels of misdemeanor offenses in Municipal Court. I also served as a Special Prosecutor for the State of Ohio’s Organized Crime Commission responsible for trying RICO violations in coordination with a multi-unit federal and state task force. For the next 16 years (1995-2011), I was a litigation attorney at the firm Rendigs, Fry, Kiely & Dennis. There, I represented both individual clients and businesses in both State and Federal courts in a wide array of litigation matters including product liability, wrongful death, premises liability, commercial litigation, government contracts and internal investigations. I also developed a criminal defense practice with an emphasis in white collar criminal proceedings. As Court Administrator of the Juvenile Court, I was responsible for the supervision of all aspects of Court operations including its 160-bed secured detention facility, 260 employees and a 0 million dollar budget. More importantly, I had 22 magistrates under my direction. In this capacity, I learned the importance of providing citizens timely, fair and competent judicial determinations. I’m particularly proud of having navigated the Court through a difficult period as the result of the indictment and suspension of one of the Court’s judges.

(3) Why are you running for this particular court seat?

I am currently the judge appointed to this municipal court seat and am

running to maintain the position. As a former prosecutor and litigation attorney with 25 years of civil and criminal experience, I understand the importance of presiding over a courtroom in which all parties, witnesses and attorneys expect and experience a fair and impartial hearing. It is imperative, regardless of whether a litigant likes the outcome, they exit the courtroom believing they had the opportunity to be heard and they had their day in court. Municipal Court is truly “the people’s court.” My judicial temperament, knowledge of the law, and innate sense of fairness are ideally suited to preside over the wide array of cases that come before the court.

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