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Endorsements: Franklin County Democratic Party; Stonewall Democrats of Central Ohio

Bar Association Ratings: No answer provided

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

This is my first run for Judicial office. Please see my legal experience.

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

I have over 20 years of courtroom experience, working on both civil and criminal cases. My legal experience spans the fields of criminal defense, traffic law, contracts, juvenile, probate and real estate law. As a sole practitioner, I practice in the Municipal, Common Pleas, Probate, Juvenile and Federal Courts. Not only do I possess the requisite background and experience that makes me a very good judicial candidate; but I also have qualities that make up a good judge. Qualities of a good judicial candidate are even temperament, experience and the willingness to listen and make fair and impartial decisions. I believe it is important to give respect to all parties, remain courteous but yet be able to be decisive and firm when making rulings, and as a judge to continue educating yourself on the evolving complexities of the law.

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

With over 20 years of experience in a practice working both civil and criminal cases before the Municipal court, I bring the experience and understanding necessary to be a qualified Municipal Court Judge. Municipal court holds a very dear place in my heart. My career began working in the Municipal court as a legal intern and then as a Judicial intern for the Franklin County Public Defender's office. I realized how my actions and decisions have influenced my clients' lives and thought I would like to make a greater impact and this is the next step toward achieving that goal. There used to be the thought that the courts should be "tough on crime". I believe the mantra should now be that we need to be "smart on crime". Municipal court is the "Peoples' court". This is the court where the Judge can potentially make the biggest impact and difference in a person's life. The primary function of the Municipal Court Judge should be rooted fundamentally in ruling in a fair and impartial manner. A Judge's decision should be based on the evidence presented in the courtroom and apply the applicable law. Additionally although, a judge should look to the totality of the situation in handing down their sentence. As a Judge, I would be known for my diverse experience, even-temperament, willingness to listen, my ability to resolve differing conflicts and to make fair and impartial decisions.

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