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Occupation: Judge, Akron Municipal Court

Education: Walsh Jesuit high School 1981; Miami University Bachelor Science, Finance with Economics focus 1985; Juris Doctorate University of Akron School of Law 1989

Work Experience: 1985-86 docket clerk Brouse McDowall; 1987-89 law clerk Guy, Lammert & Towne; 1989-91 Judicial Attorney, Judge Glen B. Morgan, Summit County Common Pleas Court; 1991-93 Attorney with Engle & Chris; Independent Attorney 1993-2015 general civil and criminal law practice focusing upon litigation

Family: married to Robin 20 years; two sons Leo (17 yrs) and Max (16 yrs)

Affiliations: Elder, Summit Christian Church; Akron Board of Education; Broken Chains Jail Ministry; Akron Law Library Resources Board; Akron Bar Association Board; Community Legal Aid Board; Upward Sports Football League coach; Greater Akron Amateur Soccer Association coach

Endorsements: Akron Beacon Journal

Bar Association Ratings: Rated "Excellent" by the Akron Bar Association

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

Judge, Akron Municipal Court 2015 Arbitrator Panel Summit County Common Pleas Court 1991-@97 Judicial Attorney, Judge Glen B. Morgan Summit County Common Pleas Court 1989-91

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

The short answer is a great deal of real world experience. For 26 years I have practiced law before the courts of northeast Ohio, primarily in the Akron Municipal and Summit County Common Pleas Court. I have advocated for the citizens of this community in a wide range of matters including family law, driving under the influence, traffic tickets, business disputes, commercial collections, evictions, real estate matters, serious criminal matters (murder, etc.), estates, and guardianships. Much of my experience was gained in the Akron Municipal Court. Because of this, I have an extensive knowledge of all aspects of trial proceedings, and the rules of evidence that apply to those proceedings. Having this knowledge/experience is essential for an effective and competent judge; and has allowed a smooth and efficient transition for me from attorney to a sitting judge. In addition, I have extensive experience in dealing with and understanding people. The vast number of different people that I have represented over the last 26 years has equipped me with the temperament and patience to run my court effectively. The business of a municipal court is primarily dealing with people and their problems. One must have the ability to relate to and read people in order to identify recurring problems such as drug dependence, domestic issues, etc. I have gained that ability, and enjoy the insight it gives me in my daily work as a judge.

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

I am running to retain my position as Akron Municipal Court Judge because I love my job, and want to continue to serve greater Akron as a judge, after serving 26 years as an Akron attorney. We are placed here to help our fellow citizens. Those who are blessed with the gifts of an education and position (judge or otherwise) are supposed to serve those who come before them. That service should reflect respect, understanding, and fairness for all, including the accused. In short, justice. That has been my mantra, as an attorney, and now as a judge. Over the past two and a half decades, I have advocated for citizens of this community as a trial lawyer, and will continue to serve the citizens well in my position as an experienced judge of the Akron Municipal

Court. In my time as judge I took over the largest caseload (197 cases) that had been growing due to the vacancy of this seat from February through March of 2015. In five months we have finalized cases by conducting jury trials and facilitating the negotiation of settlements to cut our caseload by more than half (97 cases). I have worked hard and will continue to do so for the Akron community.

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