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Occupation: Attorney in Private Practice

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Work Experience: Left Corporate America in 1989 to form own law firm; federal judge's law clerk in 1980-81; private practice, 1981-83; corporate practice, 1983-89.

Family: No answer provided

Affiliations: Summit County Democratic Party Central Committee (resigned to run as a non-partisan candidate for judge); Ohio State Bar Association (Past Chair of the Litigation Section); Notre Dame Law Association Board of Directors (21 years); Cleveland Orchestra Chorus and Akron Symphony Chorus; worked on boards or as a volunteer for countless community and church organizations in Hudson, Stow, Northfield Center Township, Cuyahoga Falls, and Akron).

Endorsements: No answer provided

Bar Association Ratings: No answer provided

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

I have not served on the bench as yet, though I have been appointed from time to time as an arbitrator and a mediator for the Summit County Court of Common Pleas.

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

At nearly 36 years, I have more "non-judicial legal experience" than my two opponents COMBINED. I have spent a professional lifetime studying the judiciary and the judicial process both from the inside and as a trial/appellate advocate. I am well-versed in all rules of evidence and procedure to make sound judgments in applying the law to the facts. My experience both in running my own law firm since 1989 and working in Corporate America before that is vast, including both civil and criminal matters that would come before a municipal judge. I know how to encourage parties to settle all types of cases without covering from trying a case that cannot be settled. I can draw on all I've learned to deliver quality service to the community that elects me. I value patience, even-handedness, and the sort of temperament that would serve me well as a judge. My writing skills are well-known and self-evident. I have authored rules for docket management for a federal judge that later became model rules for federal courts nationwide to consider adopting. I became a lawyer because I aspired to serve from the bench one day. If elected, I would do my level best to repay the voters' trust in me by making rulings and administering justice fairly, impartially, expertly, and expeditiously. Unlike my opponents, I have pledged not to preside over any case in which a lawyer contributed to my judicial campaign within the past two years.

(3) Why are you running for this specific seat?

My father always said that much is expected of those with God-given abilities ... and that finding a way to serve the "greater good" is a solemn duty. I'm running because I have extensive, practical experience to offer as a municipal judge ... because my successful career as a trial and appellate lawyer has been fulfilling ... and because I believe firmly that my broad-based, wide-ranging experience would serve the electorate well as a judge until my career ends. Voters have a real choice in 2015. The incumbent has served for 12 years, but has little by way of hands-on, practical, professional, private-sector experience on which she can draw in making decisions affecting citizens' lives. It is one thing to claim on-the-job training for the technical aspects of the job of

being a judge. She has those. What the incumbent lacks, frankly, is depth of experience in the private sector ... the real-life experiences of knowing how to satisfy a client, keep legal costs down, meet a payroll, manage a crowded docket so no one is left out, or use finesse and moral suasion to encourage settlements rather than a "velvet gavel" to extract them. Her public sector experience does not offer her the wide array of experiences I can offer as a 36-year practitioner in both private practice and Corporate America. The other challenger, candidly, is not recognized for much as a lawyer in the community other than her politics as a one-term mayor in Stow.

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