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Occupation: Columbus City

Education: Bachelor of Psychology from The Ohio State University, Juris Doctorate from Capital Law School

Work Experience: Private practice for over 27 years, Civil Service Commission, Columbus City Council, Chair of Judiciary and Court Administration

Family: Married

Affiliations: Past Chair of the Columbus Bar Association Municipal Court Committee, Board Member, Greater Columbus Arts Council, Past Member of Domestic Violence Legal Task Force, Past Board Member of The Neighborhood House, Pro Bono Clinic for the YWCA Family Center, Constituent Relations Volunteer for the Ohio State House, Capital University Women Lawyers Mentorship Program, Reynoldsburg High School Mentorship Program, Vice President of Dynamic Leadership, Member of the National Association of Women Business Owners, Board Member of the National Council of Jewish Women, Past Vice Chairman of the Franklin County Democratic Party, Past Chairman of the Franklin County Party Judicial Screening Committee.

Endorsements: Baptist Ministerial Alliance of Columbus, AFSCME Ohio, Central Ohio Labor Council AFL-CIO, Stonewall Democrats, Columbus Building Trades, Franklin County Democratic Party, and Fire Fighters Union IAFF Local 67

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

I have not had the opportunity to serve as a Judge.

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

I have 27 years of private general practice in a variety of areas of law as well as legislative and administrative experience. I understand the pressure of running a practice and of trying to be "in two places at once". I have served as a Civil Service Commissioner where I heard hearings that utilized the rules of court. I have learned patience, open-mindedness, courtesy, tact, firmness, understanding, compassion and humility. I have a strong record of community service in various boards as well as my position on Columbus City Council. I have participated in proposing and supporting ways to improve the legal system through my work with the Bar Association and my position as the Chair of the Judicial and Court Administration Committee on Columbus City Council. I understand the challenges and cultural differences in the diverse population of Franklin County through my work as the Chair of the Administration, Community Relations Committee on Council. I also understand the challenges of drug addiction, mental health and health issues that face the citizens of Franklin County through my board work, my clients and my work on Council. I will bring that experience to the courtroom and treat all lawyers and litigants with patience, dignity and respect.

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

I am running for this particular court seat because I believe the Municipal Court is the "People's Court" and I believe my experiences will allow me to continue my public service in the court house. I have 27 years of private general practice in a variety of areas of law as well as legislation and administration experience. I will bring that experience to the courtroom and treat all lawyers and litigants with patience, dignity, and respect. As a dedicated public servant, I would bring a thorough understanding of the law and firsthand experience with the challenges facing the people in the Franklin County community to the Municipal Court bench. I believe we can solve a lot of our problems in this community and the court through the community. I have a strong record of community service in various boards as well as my position on Columbus City Council. I have participated in proposing and supporting ways to improve or preserve the legal system through my work with the bar association and my position as the chair of the Judicial and

Bar Association Ratings: No answer provided

Court Administration Committee on City Council. I have the legal, legislative, administrative and community experience that will allow me not only to be an effective judge but to continue my devotion to the improvement of the quality of justice. I welcome the challenge and this new opportunity to serve.

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