

## Emanuella Groves



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**Occupation:** Judge

**Education:** J.D. Case Western Reserve University; B.B.A. Kent State University

**Work Experience:** 2001 -present Judge; 2001 – 1989 Attorney, Groves & Groves Attorneys-at-Law; 1983 – 1989 C.M.H.A.; 1981 -1983 Cleveland Assistant Police Prosecutor.

**Family:** Married with 2 adult children

**Affiliations:** Olivet Institutional Church; Parma ABLE advisory committee; Volunteer CMSD;

**Endorsements:** Cuyahoga Democratic Party

**Bar Association Ratings:** unavailable

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

2001 – present Judge Cleveland Municipal Court.

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

I have been involved in the community on issues of education for over 20 years. In response to the issues of academic disparity, I co-founded Caring Communities Organized for Education (CCOE). In 2006, CCOE was awarded appreciation recognition from the Shaker League of Women Voters. I have volunteered in the Cleveland Municipal School District as a tutor and have spoken at several schools. I understand the impact a lack of education can have on individuals in the community. My commitment to education has been demonstrated in the several programs I helped create in the Cleveland Municipal Court. The Get on Track Program has resulted in over 500 offenders securing their GED's. The Community Orientation Program is a class which advises participants of their rights and responsibilities when they encounter the police. Finally, the Redirecting Our Curfew Kids (ROCK) is a program for children and their parents when the child violates curfew. The ROCK program requires the parent to attend a teacher conference and the child must complete community work service and if necessary attend tutoring. My experience with education has allowed me to incorporate creative remedies to address inappropriate behavior.

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

I have had the honor of serving as Judge of the Cleveland Municipal Court since 2001. During my service, I have initiated several programs and initiatives. I strongly believe my presence on the court has resulted in more effective programs and more efficient operations of the court. I continue to evaluate the operations of the court to identify areas for improvement. I was recently appointed Chair of the newly created Quality Control Committee. Additionally, I continue to critique what I do and how I do it. I know I have grown over the past 14 years as a judge and as a person. I have written numerous opinions which have been published. My writings contribute to the enforcement and understanding of the law. I wish to continue my service for the City of Cleveland as our court improves, I improve and our community grows stronger from the influence our court has had in the lives of the people who come before it. I have unfinished business which I wish to continue.

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