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Occupation: Judge, Kettering Municipal Court

Education: The Ohio State University College of Law, J.D. 1981; Ohio University, B.A. 1978

Work Experience: General Law Practice 1994-2014; Mead Data Central Product Analyst 1988-93; Asst. Public Defender 1982-88

Family: Married to Moira Dressel, with three children; Brian, Claire, and Mary Kate

Affiliations: Dayton & Ohio State Bar Associations; Kettering Dor-Wood Optimist Club; Church of the Incarnation; Kettering Leadership Academy; Centerville Americana Festival; Centerville High School Mock Trial Advisor

Endorsements: Fraternal Orders of Police in Kettering, Montgomery County, and Moraine; Montgomery County Republican Party

Bar Association Ratings: Not available at this time.

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

Presiding and Administrative Judge, Kettering Municipal Court, December 2014 to present Judge, Kettering Municipal Court, May 2014 to present Acting Judge Kettering Municipal Court, 1995 to April 2014 Acting Magistrate, Vandalia Municipal Court, 2004 to 2010

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

Before being appointed to the Court, I was in the private practice of law for over 20 years in Washington Township. I also worked five years as a legal product analyst at LexisNexis (formerly Mead Data Central), and before that served six years as an Assistant Montgomery County Public Defender attorney. As both a public defender attorney and while in private practice, I represented clients on felony cases and misdemeanor criminal and traffic cases in Common Pleas, Municipal, and County courts. In private practice, I also handled domestic relations, probate, juvenile, and civil matters. I regularly appeared in several courts and had the opportunity to practice in front of scores of judges and magistrates, and to interact with hundreds of prosecutors, attorneys, detectives, police officers, court staff, probation officers, victims, witnesses, and defendants. I learned what works well and what does not. I have been fortunate to know and learn from dedicated and able judges, prosecutors, attorneys, and law enforcement professionals. My experience has provided me a solid understanding of the law, which has served me well as a judge. It has also taught me the importance of civility in the business world, in the legal system, and in all aspects of life. Every person deserves to be treated with respect and dignity. Judges must lead by example. Being pleasant does not diminish one's standing or authority.

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

I specifically aspire to continue serving on the Kettering Municipal Court because municipal courts are truly the people's courts, where I appeared regularly in my twenty plus years of private practice and in my 6 years as an Assistant Public Defender. I have served as Judge on the Court since May 2014. Prior to being appointed by the Governor, I served regularly on the Court as an Acting Judge for 19 years. Judges serve a vital role, not only in upholding the law, but also in shaping the public's perception of the legal system. Most citizens may never come into contact with higher level courts, but many will have occasion to experience municipal court through misdemeanor criminal offenses,

traffic violations, and minor civil cases or as a witness or juror. For citizens, attorneys, law enforcement officers, and all who come before the court to be treated fairly and with dignity encourages respect for the law and the legal system, and promotes strong community standards. In my time on the Court and as an Acting Judge, I have presided over thousands of cases, earning a reputation for fairness while demonstrating sound judicial temperament. I care deeply about this community. This is where I have lived for 30 years, practiced law, and raised my family. I seek election to continue my service as a fair and experienced judge for the people of the Kettering, Centerville, Washington Township, and Moraine communities.

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