

## Jerry Larson



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**Work Experience:** Akron Municipal Court Judge ( 6 years); Chief Assistant City Prosecutor for the City of Akron (2 years); Police Legal Advisor for the City of Akron and surrounding jurisdictions (8 years); Assistant City Prosecutor for the City of Akron (8 years)

**Family:** No answer provided

**Affiliations:** Member, Ohio Judicial Conference Committee; Member, Akron Bar Association Municipal Court Section; NAACP Life Member; Westminster Presbyterian Church

**Endorsements:** Akron Beacon Journal

**Bar Association Ratings:** Akron Bar Association rated 'Excellent'

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

Akron Municipal Court Judge (2009 – present) Chief Assistant City Prosecutor for Akron (2 years) Police Legal Advisor for the City of Akron and surrounding jurisdictions (8 years) Assistant City Prosecutor for the City of Akron (8 years) Legal Intern (2 years)

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

I have witnessed first hand the importance of having strong, qualified, and impartial judges in the Akron Municipal Court. I began working in the Akron Municipal Court in 1989. Through my various positions, I am the only judicial candidate to bring 26 years of municipal court experience to this seat. I have a vast understanding of the daily operations of the Akron Municipal Court. Further, I have the legal knowledge, experience, empathy, and reasoning that is necessary to preside over the Akron Municipal Court.

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

I am running to retain my position as Judge of The Akron Municipal Court. Since becoming Judge in 2009, I have worked with citizens and law enforcement to ensure that all people are treated with fairness, dignity, respect, empathy, and that all decisions are based on sound legal reasoning that ensure that Akron and the surrounding jurisdictions are safe. I have ensured that cases are handled in a swift, not rushed manner. This ensures that the caseload is not backlogged, nor justice delayed. Prior to being elected Judge, I served the Akron community for 20 years as Chief Assistant Prosecutor, Police Legal Advisor, and Assistant City Prosecutor. This service has given me knowledge and insight that I rely on daily while serving as Judge. Throughout this service, I have witnessed the ever changing needs of the Akron Municipal Court and have participated in meeting many of these needs through The Akron Municipal Court's nationally recognized specialty treatment (Drug Court, Mental Health Court, Family Intervention Court, O.V.I. Court, and Valor Court). Most recently I recognized the increasing number of our veterans in the criminal justice system. With this issue in mind I founded Valor Court, an Ohio Supreme Court certified specialty treatment court addressing special needs of our veterans. I have spent the past 26 years of my legal experience in The Akron Municipal Court and wish to continue this service as Judge. I ask to be re-elected in this position on November 3, 2015 to continue serving the greater Akron community as an

experienced, qualified, and trusted judge.

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