

Jim O'Grady



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Occupation: Judge

Education: I received my Juris Doctor from Capital University Law School in 2004. I graduated from Ohio Dominican University with a Bachelor of Arts in Cross Discipline Studies (Political Science and History) in 1999.

Work Experience: Bailiff, Franklin County Municipal Court; Magistrate, Franklin County Municipal Court; Assistant County Prosecutor, Franklin County Prosecutor; Judge, Franklin County Municipal Court

Family: Married with two children

Affiliations: Catholic

Endorsements: Columbus/Central Ohio Building and Construction Trades Council

Bar Association Ratings: N/A

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

I am a judge with the Franklin County Municipal Court. In this role, I preside over criminal, civil and traffic cases. I've been with the court since 2011.

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

My time as a bailiff, prosecutor and a magistrate helped me understand the dynamics that make municipal court work. In many cases, municipal court is the first, and sometimes only, point of contact most citizens ever have with the judicial system. My experience helped me understand how important that contact is for them. Also, my experience allowed me to become fluent in the language of the municipal court: I know its rules and procedures, the criminal and civil laws it deals with, and the attorneys and their relationships with one another.

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

I have great respect for the Municipal Court bench. My father started his judicial career at the Franklin County Municipal Court, and I spent fifteen years as a Municipal Court Bailiff before becoming an assistant prosecuting attorney. I realize that for some people the Municipal Court will be the only court experience they have so I do what I can to make it as positive and painless an experience as possible

