

## Josh Berkowitz



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**Occupation:** Judge, Hamilton County Municipal Court

**Education:** J.D., Capital University Law School; B.A., Ohio State University; Elder High School

**Work Experience:** Assistant Hamilton Co. Prosecutor, 2008-2015; Law Director of Norwood, 2012-2015, Assistant Franklin Co. Prosecutor 2007-2008 (Columbus, Ohio), Law Office of Robert F. Krapenc & J. Scott Weisman 2006-2007

**Family:** Married to Elizabeth Berkowitz, with 2 sons, ages 2 and 1.

**Affiliations:** Holy Trinity Parish member; Hamilton County Law Library Resource Board, member; Norwood Republican Club; NRA; Cincinnati Bar Association; Elder High School Alumni Association;

**Endorsements:** Cincinnati Right to Life PAC; Fraternal Order of Police, Queen City Lodge 69; Prosecuting Attorney Joe Deters; The Buckeye Firearms Association; and The Hamilton County Republican Party; Citizens for Community Values

**Bar Association Ratings:** Cincinnati Bar Association is not conducting a ratings survey.

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

I currently serve on the Hamilton County Municipal Court. I was appointed on April 15, 2015, and on my very first day on the job, I presided over a criminal jury trial. I've heard over 1000 cases since then and presided over numerous jury trials, bench trials, and hearings of all kinds involving criminal and civil cases.

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

I have a proven record of fighting to keep our neighborhoods safe. As a felony prosecutor, I successfully prosecuted some of Hamilton County's worst offenders, including murderers, rapists, heroin traffickers, and violent criminals of all kinds. As Norwood's Law Director, I led the city's successful effort to close the Quality Hotel, which had become a haven for drug traffickers and prostitutes. I provided legal advice to city officials and employees on matters of litigation, economic development, contract negotiation, and zoning. My diverse experience allows me to use limited taxpayer resources effectively, and to protect the community while safeguarding the Constitution.

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

It is my honor to serve as a Judge in Municipal Court. Hamilton County Municipal Court is one of the busiest courts in Ohio and serves the broadest cross-section of the public each day. For many of the people in my courtroom, this will be their first contact with the justice system. As judge, it's my duty to ensure that people come away from the experience confident that I listened to them, treated them fairly, and took the time to explain my decisions. My pledge is to follow the law & uphold the Constitution, to treat everyone in the courtroom fairly, and to work hard to achieve justice, one case at a time.

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