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Occupation: Attorney – Senior Trial Counsel/Domestic Violence Prosecutor at Canton City Prosecutor's Office and have a Private Legal Practice

Education: J.D. from University of Akron, School of Law and B.S.B.A in Finance from the University of Akron

Work Experience: Assistant Prosecutor with Canton City Prosecutor's office since 1995 to present. Also Private practice since 2000 – Family Law, Business and Personal Injury

Family: Married – Vince, two children – Vincent (17) and Nicholas (14)

Affiliations: Elected to Plain Local Board of Education 2001, 2005, 2009, 2013; Member – Little Flower Catholic Church; Community Activities: Women's Board of Aultman Hospital, Project Kare Board, Red Cross – BASH Committee, Volunteer Eagle Spirit Shop(At GlenOak Highschool), Stark Domestic Violence Collaborative, Stark County Association for Justice Trustee, Stark County Bar Association(Family Law Committee, Guardian Ad Litem Committee, Mediation Committee & Disputed Fee Committee), American Bar Association, Ohio School Board Association, National School Association, Golden Eagle Athletic Association – Auction Committee, Fraternal Order of Police Association McKinley Lodge, Jefferson Jackson Club, Coalition of Women Voters.

Endorsements: Canton Police Patrolmen's Association; The Coalition

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

None.

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

I believe running for the office of Canton Municipal Court Judge is an extension of the public service that I already provide to the community. This service includes 19 years as an Assistant Prosecutor, 14 years as an elected official of the Plain Local Board of Education, my commitment to the children of this community as a Guardian Ad Litem, my extensive volunteer contributions through both service and donation to many deserving organizations as well as my work through my private practice. It became clearly evident to me, that my seeking of this office was an extension of my well established commitment and passion to this community and the Canton Municipal Court. I have spent my career safeguarding members of our community by fighting for victims of crimes, families in distress and those who struggle with addiction and mental health. In the role of Canton Municipal Court Judge, I will use all my skills to help facilitate positive change in others, expand established programs in the court for the betterment of the community and preventing offenders from repeating their crimes. As a lifelong resident and servant to this community, my experience is a direct fit for this court. I have spent most of my legal career in this court and look forward to taking this next step. I am proud to have worked in the Canton Municipal Court District as a Prosecutor and believe that I am a qualified candidate to serve this community as a Judge.

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

I am running for this particular seat at the Canton Municipal Court because it is at the court where I have practiced. I have spent the last 19 years as an Assistant Prosecutor at the Canton City Prosecutor's Office, 14 years as an elected official of the Plain Local Board of Education, and the past 15 years as a Guardian Ad Litem, my extensive volunteer contributions through both service and donation to many deserving organizations as well as my work through my private practice. It became clearly evident to me, that my seeking of this office was an extension of my well established commitment and passion to this community and the Canton Municipal Court. I have spent my career safeguarding members of our community by fighting for victims of crimes, families in distress and those who struggle with addiction and mental health. In the role of Canton Municipal Court Judge, I will use all

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Bar Association Ratings: Stark County Bar Association – Recommended

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