

## Lee Ann Schaffer



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**Occupation:** Attorney

**Education:** J.D. University of Akron (1990) B.S. Business University of Akron (1987) Barberton High School (1977)

**Work Experience:** General Counsel for Participants ~ Summit County Juvenile Court/Family Reunification through Recovery Court since November 2014; Attorney at Law since January 2004 (along with March 1993 – January 2000) practice in all areas of juvenile law and criminal defense, civil, domestic relations, probate and appellate; Mayor City of Stow January 2000–December 2003; Prosecutor City of Stow March 1993-January 2000; Director of Administration/In House Counsel ASW Services June 1996-August 1997; Associate Attorney Roetzel & Andress November 1990-March 1993

**Family:** Single, 3 adult children

**Affiliations:** Member, Clerk Advisory Council Stow Municipal Court Click since August 2014; Member Ohio State Bar Association; Member Akron Bar Association

**Endorsements:** n/a

**Bar Association Ratings:** n/a

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

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

I have spent my entire legal career representing clients on all sides of the justice system, from serving as a prosecutor, to representing civil litigants and indigent defendants, to protecting the most vulnerable members of society, abused and neglected children, as a Guardian ad Litem. My 25 years of experience as a trial lawyer in these various capacities is unparalleled by my opponent. I would bring to the bench a greater understanding of the troubles and difficulties faced by parties who appear in the court, and would use my experience to balance a tough approach to the administration of justice with a compassionate desire to help people better their lives. Further, my experience as General Counsel to the drug court participants at the Summit County Juvenile Court gives me an acute understanding of how substance abuse related issues can affect one's ability to succeed in the court system, and I will actively use my role as judge to help address this problem that plagues families in our communities daily. I also have a demonstrated history of remaining free from partisan politics that have no place in our judiciary and would bring that same nonpartisan approach to the Stow Court, administering justice fairly, toughly and without political influence.

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

I am running for the Stow Municipal Court because I have spent my life and career devoted to the communities within the court jurisdiction and believe I have the most well rounded legal experience to deal with the cases that come before the court. I adamantly believe in the efforts of current presiding judge, Judge Kim Hoover, and Clerk of Courts Kevin Coughlin, to create a nonpartisan court and would like to join them as the second judge in the court committed to a nonpartisan approach. In doing so, we would be able to create the first completely nonpartisan courthouse in the state and set a strong example that partisan politics have no place in our judiciary, following the efforts of Chief Justice Maureen O'Connor to promote this change. Further, I believe that my 25 years of experience representing state entities as a prosecutor, serving as a criminal defense attorney, and representing juveniles as a Guardian Ad Litem, along with my past experience as mayor of the City of Stow, would prepare me to better understand all

sides of the issues and to effectively run the day to day court operations along with Judge Hoover.

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