

Lisa Coates



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Occupation: Municipal Court Judge

Education: J.D. from Case Western Reserve University & B.S.B.A. from Bowling Green State University

Work Experience: Judge for the last twelve years

Family: Married 24 years with three children, son age 15 and twin daughters age 13

Affiliations: Member of the Cuyahoga Falls Rotary, Cuyahoga Falls Chamber of Commerce and Stow-Munroe Falls Chamber of Commerce

Endorsements: No answer provided

Bar Association Ratings: Not yet rated.

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

I have twelve years of experience as a municipal court judge from 2003 to the present at Stow Municipal Court.

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

Prior to taking the bench, I worked for a judge at the Summit County Court of Common Pleas and was an Assistant Summit County Prosecutor. Both positions, gave me the necessary experience to handle my job as a municipal court judge. I also worked for the federal government at both the Social Security Administration and Department of Veterans Affairs. Both of these positions required knowledge with the medical and mental health fields. This knowledge has assisted me greatly as a judge especially with substance abuse and mental health issues.

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

First of all, I am presently the judge in this seat and truly love this job. I have twelve years of experience in this position and still love coming to work everyday. Secondly, I continue to believe that the court can intervene and help people before the court get their lives back on track, whether it be substance abuse, mental illness or another life crisis. To this end, I have created a mental health court to assist those struggling with mental illness. Third, I like taking this knowledge out to the community about these issues to help others so that they can avoid involvement with the criminal justice system.