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Occupation: Attorney – Private Practice

Education: The University of Dayton School of Law

Work Experience: Private Practice – September 1991 – Present. Community-based law practice. General practice; criminal, civil and domestic relations litigation.

Family: Widow, Late Dayton Detective Tony Spells; two sons Chad and Jordan

Affiliations: Member, Wayman Chapel AME Church

Endorsements: No answer provided

Bar Association Ratings: No answer provided

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

Appointed Acting Judge and Magistrate 1992 to present – Presides over felony preliminary hearings and arraignments, civil, criminal, misdemeanor and traffic cases.

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

I bring a wealth of experience as a former prosecutor and private practice attorney. I have handled hundreds of cases from the most serious (death penalty) to minor misdemeanor cases. I believe that I possess the legal acumen necessary to be a judge. I seek to provide a level of legal excellence when representing my clients, by being prepared, knowledgeable, skillful, effective and successful.

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

Leo Tolstoy wrote, "Life is a place of service...people should look upon their lives as service and have a definite object in life outside of themselves." I began my legal career in the Dayton Municipal Court and have worked in the Court as a prosecutor, defense attorney and acting judge. I am familiar with the working of the Court, staff and personnel; therefore, I require minimal orientation.

It would be an extraordinary honor to serve my community as judge in the Dayton Municipal Court. Throughout my legal career, I have worked to ensure that the judicial system is fair and accessible to all citizens. I am devoted and dedicated to preserving and strengthening the administration of justice, advancement of the rule of law and the improvement of society. I further want to be a judge because I believe I have the scholarship, work ethic, diligence and integrity to serve as a judge. I believe a judge's primary obligation is to ensure that our system of juris prudence is followed and guarded and that the court system operates at the highest level of proficiency. I am dedicated to the attainment of justice.

