

## Mike Daugherty



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**Occupation:** Judge of Clinton County Municipal Court

**Education:** JD From University of Dayton

**Work Experience:** Judge since July, 2015. Attorney 20 years previous to appointment.

**Family:** Married with 3 children

**Affiliations:** Member Calvary Baptist Church; Member Wilmington Emmaus Board; Member Clinton County Community Action Board

**Endorsements:** Republican Nominee (primary victory May, 2015)

**Bar Association Ratings:** our bar association has not rated candidates this year

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

I have been a judge for one month in this court. I was appointed by the Governor after winning the Republican Primary election in May.

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

People matter. Having taught Sunday School and AWANAs for over 25 years, I understand that. I have coached children in various sports leagues. I have advised several units of local government and several law enforcement agencies. I understand that we are here to improve the lives of our neighbors in this community.

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

I am running for judge of the Clinton County Municipal Court because I am following a calling. I am the judge of this court now. Every day, I meet people who are desperately in need. Their lives are sincerely in jeopardy because of their bad choices, and they are addicted to heroin, methamphetamine, cocaine, alcohol, marijuana, and other substances. Their addiction leads them to steal, to harm others, and to harm themselves. They need consequences for their actions, and they need a way to recover. Through the this important position, I am blessed to offer them both.

I recently received this letter:

"Dear Judge Daugherty, My husband goes in to court with you and I was wondering if there was any way to get him in to a court ordered rehab. A lot of his criminal charges stem from the fact that he is an addict. He once used to be a wonderful father to our son, but lately the drug heroin is all that matters. I nor his family know what to do anymore. We are at our wits end in racking our brains to come up with some way to get this nightmare to end. Let me give you an idea of some of what we have dealt with. He sells the kids' Christmas as soon as they open their presents. He is very hateful and evil when he is high, to the point that our 13 yr. old son has retreated to going to friens houses besides coming home. He takes off in the only vehicle we own without a license and I know he is doing criminal activities. I can't afford to lose my car, but I'm told by the police department that there's nothing I can do because we're married. I have found needles and spoons in the car right underneath the seat my son was sitting on. He has stolen from places while my son was with him. I hope you will help my family by helping my husband, because it just keeps getting worse. Something

really bad is going to happen soon if he doesn't get help.”

Why am I running for judge? Because this family needs me to be the judge of this court. I am good at handling the traffic cases, the criminal cases, and the civil cases. I can handle the personnel issues and the budget issues. I am managing the court just fine. But my mission here is to help the people of Clinton County recover from the snare of addiction. Sometimes that means locking them in jail for the maximum sentence. Sometimes that means residential treatment. Sometimes that means outpatient treatment. Every person is different. Every family is different. Every person is important to me. I listen to them, and I pray every day that God will grant me the wisdom to do the right thing for their family and for this County. Thank you for helping me continue helping our neighbors through the worst time of their lives.

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