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**Occupation:** Judge, Lakewood

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**Education:** Cleveland State University, 1970-1974, B.A. economics, Cleveland Marshall College of Law, 1974-1977, J.D. cum laude. (Law Review).

**Work Experience:** Trial Lawyer, Civil Asst. Prosecutor (1979-84) Private Practice (1984-90). Law Clerk to Judge John V. Corrigan, Ohio Court of Appeals (8th District), 1977 to 1979. Adjunct Faculty, Cleveland-Marshall College of Law, Cleveland State University, 1979 to 1990.

**Family:** Married 27 years with two sons

**Affiliations:** Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association, Board of Trustees (2009 to 2011). Cleveland Bar Association. (Merged with Cuyahoga Bar Assn in 2008). Ohio Judicial Conference. Editorial Board, Ohio Jury Instruction Committee (2003 to date.). Mental Health Court Committee, Cuyahoga County. (Founding Member). (2003 to date). Ohio Judicial College, Faculty and Board of Trustees; National Institute of Trial Advocacy Instructor; Lakewood Historical Society, Board of Trustees; LakewoodAlive; Lakewood Chamber of Commerce; Saint Luke Church, Lakewood, Ohio. Judicial Conference of the Eighth Judicial District (Life member).

**Endorsements:** Cuyahoga County Democratic Party, Cuyahoga Democratic Women's Caucus; Northshore AFL-CIO; Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge 25 (includes Lakewood Police); Lakewood Association of Fire Fighters, Local 382; AFSCME Ohio Council 8 (includes Lakewood

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

Judge, Lakewood Municipal Court, 1990 to date.

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

I had the privilege of starting my legal career as a law clerk to Judge John V. Corrigan, a judge of the highest competence, intellect and temperament. From Judge Corrigan's daily example I learned both the stress and rewards of a judicial career. As an assistant county prosecutor (Civil Division) and in private practice, I was an active trial lawyer in the Common Pleas Court, with jury trial experience in the area of contracts, medical malpractice and other types of civil cases. I handled over sixty (60) cases in the Ohio Court of Appeals and Supreme Court as well as the Federal Court of Appeals. I also taught at Cleveland-Marshall College of Law prior to becoming a judge and have been a faculty member of the Ohio Judicial College for over 12 years. I am currently a member of the Board of Trustees of the Ohio Judicial College and a member of the Editorial Board of the Ohio Jury Instructions Committee. My additional duties with the Ohio Judicial College and the Ohio Jury Instruction Committee provide an exposure to a variety of cases beyond those of municipal court and keep me aware of changes by both case law and statutes.

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

I am running for re-election to continue the efforts I have made over the past 25 years to establish a court that provides an open and accessible forum to resolve disputes. I have worked hard in both adjudicating cases and managing the court. During my tenure as judge in Lakewood, I made changes improving the Court's operation to be more efficient and responsive to the community.

These programs include:

- 1) Community Work Service Program. (1990 - Date).
- 2) Alcohol Awareness Program. (1990 - Date).
- 3) Expedited Civil Cases Procedure. (1990 to date). Includes telephone pretrial conferences, filing by fax, with electronic filing.
- 4) Night Court Sessions. (1991 - Date).
- 5) School/Court Program. (1995 - Date).
- 6) Mental Health Court. (2003 - Date). In 2011, I received a national award for contributions made for treatment of mental illness and drug abuse.
- 7) Criminal Justice Management Program. (2005 -2013)

City Workers); Cleveland Building & Construction Trades Council; Labors Union, Local 310; Electrical Workers, Local 38; Iron Workers, Local 17; Heat and Frost Insulators, Local 3; Pipefitters, Local 120; Boilermakers, Local 744; Laborer International Union, Local 860; Sheet Metal Workers, Local 33

**Bar Association Ratings:** Bar Association Rating are not yet available

8) Video conferencing. (2010 – Date).

9) Housing Court Diversion Program. (2010- date).

10) Drug treatment programs with in-patient treatment, sober living housing and extensive court supervision. (Since 1990).

As Judge of the Lakewood Municipal Court since 1990, I have conducted over 12,000 bench trials and 170 jury trials. As a single judge court, I handle all aspects of the court including traffic, criminal, civil, mental health, drug and alcohol abuse, housing, landlord/tenant and veterans' issues. I have carefully managed the court's operating budget, avoiding unnecessary spending, returning a surplus to the city's general fund, and keeping the lowest court costs Cuyahoga County.

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