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Occupation: Private Practice

Attorney – Sole Practitioner

Education: B.A. Education, University of Akron ('75); Juris Doctorate, University of Akron School of Law ('82)

Work Experience: Rubber worker, Firestone Tire (1969-1975); Teacher, Akron Public Schools (1975-1982); Private Practice Attorney (1982-present)

Family: Married 43 years, 3 children, 6 grandchildren

Affiliations: St. Francis De Sales Catholic Church (50 years); Councilman, City of New Franklin (16 years); Trustee, Interval Brotherhood Home (2014-present)

Endorsements: No endorsements have been made in this race at this time

Bar Association Ratings: No rating to date. Martindale-Hubbell AV Preeminent/Highest Rating Possible in both Legal Ability and Ethical Standards

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

No previous judicial experience.

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

I have been a trial attorney for more than 33 years, representing clients in simple and complex cases, civil and criminal, in state and federal courts. This has provided not only valuable personal experience but also the opportunity to interact with other top-notch attorneys and distinguished jurists. There is no substitute for this kind of experience—on the job, in the trenches, under pressure. I have been recognized by my peers as AV Preeminent/Highest Possible Rating in both Legal Ability and Ethical Standards. In 2013 American Lawyers Media recognized me as one of the Top Lawyers in Ohio (Highest in Ethical Standards and Professional Excellence). I have served the legal community as a Trustee of the Akron Bar Association and President of the University of Akron Law Alumni Association. I currently serve on the Summit County Criminal Justice Advisory Board. I have been involved in mentoring young attorneys, passing on the good advice and example provided to me by those who came before. These experiences translate to the Bench. A judge should be competent, confident, experienced and assured. A firm but fair hand is needed. The legal experience and personal growth gained from 33 years of trial practice will enable me to serve efficiently and effectively at the Barbarton Municipal Court.

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

I have lived in the Barbarton Court District for more than 50 years. I was raised here and we raised our family here. I know this District. I have practiced in this Court for more than 30 years. After 33 years of trial practice, I am ready for a change but I'm not ready to stop. This is an opportunity for me to serve the community in a different way. I was a rubber worker for six years while earning an Education Degree. I then began an eight-year teaching career. During those years I attended evening law school and earned my degree. For the past 16 years I have also served as a Councilman for the City of New Franklin. These experiences have provided the opportunity to interact with people of all ages and socio-economic backgrounds, similar to the diverse citizens that are served by the Barbarton Court. The ability to relate to each of these individuals is critical to the effective administration of justice. My entire life experience has prepared me for this position. I see it as a

perfect fit—a position for which I am well qualified and a position where I can continue to be of service. I have come to view the practice of law not just as a profession, but as a vocation. I am ready for a new challenge and I am confident that I can serve the people of this District well as Barberton Judge.

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