

## Robert G. Kelly



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**Occupation:** Attorney and Prosecutor for the Village of Addyston

**Education:** J.D. Northern Kentucky University, Chase College of Law; BSBA Xavier University; Attended Xavier University MBA program

**Work Experience:** Attorney, Addyston Village Solicitor, Norwood Law Director, Past Chairman of Norwood Economic Task Force, Past Board Member of Ohio Joint Self Insurance Pool

**Family:** Divorced; Father of three children-Brigid (graduate of Xavier University, University of Cincinnati, Master of Arts-Human Resources), Edward (graduate of University of Dayton, and Gregory (attending the University of Oregon)

**Affiliations:** Norwood Notre Dame Boosters, Hamilton County Democratic Party, Norwood Democratic Party

**Endorsements:** International Association of Firefighters-Cincinnati, Local 48; United Food and Commercial Workers, Local 75; and United Auto Workers Community Action Program, includes all UAW Locals in Greater Cincinnati, Hamilton County Democratic Party..

**Bar Association Ratings:** No answer provided

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

I have been a practicing attorney in all levels of courts within the State of Ohio for over thirty-five years. The courts I practice in include the Hamilton County Municipal, Hamilton County Common Pleas Court, the First District Court of Appeals, the Ohio State Supreme Court, and federal courts including the Southern District of Ohio and the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals. For sixteen years, I was the Law Director and Prosecuting Attorney for the City of Norwood. For the past twenty years, I have been, and currently am, the Solicitor and Prosecuting Attorney for the Village of Addyston. I have prosecuted every level of offense that can be presented in the Hamilton County Municipal Court. I have worked with police officers during my experience as a prosecutor on drug offenses, domestic violence, other offenses of violence, and a variety of other misdemeanor offenses that can be presented in the Hamilton County Municipal Court during the combined thirty-six years that I have been a prosecutor. In addition, I have been appointed and acted as a hearing officer on an employment-related case and issued a decision on the claims presented. I have also represented clients in the areas of landlord/tenant law, traffic laws, compliance with the Bureau of Motor Vehicles, small claims court and when appropriate, diversion programs. As a private attorney, I have represented individuals in a variety of cases in all state courts. My objective has not simply been to bring their cases to a positive conclusion, but also to educate them to improve their conduct so that they may avoid coming back to court. My job does not end when I walk out of the courtroom. My representation includes counseling clients who have successfully participated in treatment and recovery programs, and monitoring and following up with clients to ensure completion of and compliance with court orders. It is not uncommon for me to have worked with and encouraged clients who are the victims of an abusive relationship to seek an education so that they may become employed and be able to provide for their families independently and without the inclusion of the abuser in their and their families' lives. I would bring the same standards and concerns to a courtroom where I could continue to require that those appearing before me participate in appropriate and available programs when it is warranted. In addition to my private practice, I was selected as the first Chairman of the Norwood Economic Task Force that started the economic revitalization of Norwood after the closing of the General Motors Plant and the development of the former site. This illustrates my ability to work with other professionals to achieve a common goal and to be successful in obtaining positive results.

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

I have worked both in the private industry and in the justice system. Nothing has changed my steadfast belief that a person is innocent until proven guilty, and that every litigation lawyer has an obligation to present the client's case in a manner that is truthful and honorable. As a practicing attorney, in government employment and private practice, I understand the rights of litigants and not merely one side of an issue. I also understand the economics of the court system and that taxpayer money should be protected. It is unquestionable that citizens have a right to the prompt and fair resolution of their cases. A litigant's time in court is valuable and courts should consider his or her work schedules when setting trials to avoid time away from employment and family. I understand the legal rules and application to different facts and circumstances, and the ability quickly to perceive, comprehend, and understand new concepts and ideas. I have the courage and the willingness to do what the law requires a judge to do. And I will not be influenced in any decision by anything other than the facts and the law applicable to the case before me. I have the courage, integrity, and education to do what is necessary when elected. I have been engaged in an active courtroom practice and have extensive litigation experience. In addition, I possess the oral and written skills necessary to enforce the orders of the court in a prompt, judicious manner.

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