

## Sean McCarthy



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**Occupation:** Judge

**Education:** JD, Capital University Law School; BA, Loyola University Chicago

**Work Experience:** 2015-Present, Judge; 2004-Present, Judge Advocate officer, Army Reserve and Army National Guard; 2000-2015, Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, Franklin County

**Family:** Married with 4 children

**Affiliations:** Roman Catholic

**Endorsements:** Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 9, Teamsters Local 284, the Franklin County Council of Education Associations, Ohio Veterans United, AFSCME Ohio Council 8, and AFSCME Retiree Council 1184

**Bar Association Ratings:** "Highly Recommended" from the Columbus Bar Association

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

March 16-July 1, 2015, Judge of Franklin County Court of Common Pleas. July 2-July 25, 2015, Retired Visiting Judge. July 26, 2015-Present, Judge, Franklin County Municipal Court.

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

I was a long serving assistant prosecutor, handling a very active trial docket, and appeared almost daily in the courts. This gave me a tremendous amount of practical experience, including jury and bench trials, motion hearings, and the day to day administration of the court. I was lead counsel on cases ranging from stolen cars to aggravated murder. My Army experience was as the senior lawyer for units of 2,000-4,000 people, advising the command on issues ranging from administrative law, to fiscal law, to operational law. This was a very broad level of experience beyond the traditional criminal law background, and helps me in the civil practice.

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

I spent most of my career as a lawyer in courtrooms, and had extensive experience trying cases to juries on charges ranging from stolen cars to aggravated murder. I also spent time as an Army officer in Afghanistan, where I saw what happens when communities lose faith in the rule of law. I know how important it is for judges to work hard to make sure that people have real access to the courts. I am committed to continuing to serve the people of this community by ensuring that everyone is treated courteously and fairly. I will continue to work with lawyers, police, and all who come before the court to resolve the issues that can be resolved by agreement, and to quickly and fairly try cases where necessary.