

Suellen M. Brafford



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Occupation: Attorney

Education: 2001 BA Asian Studies, University of Cincinnati, 2001 BA International Affairs, University of Cincinnati,, 2005 Juris Doctor (JD) University of Dayton Law School

Work Experience: 1/2010 – present, Managing Partner, Brafford & Phillips; 1/2006 – 12/2009 Sole Practice Attorney; 8/1995 – 12/2009 In House Counsel/GM/Office Manager, The Arlan Tiemeyer Company; 5/2003 – 08/2003 Law Clerk, Denise S.Barone, Esq; 07/1988 – 12/1990 Administrative Secretary Stuart Homes; 12/1987 – 07/1988 Administrative Assistant SIRS Market Research Co.; 01/1987 – 12/1987 Collection Agent, JC Peney Credit Office; 05/1985 – 12/1986 Administrative Secretary & Engineering Secretary, Borrell Electric Co., Inc.; 01/1981 – 04/1984 Record File Clerk & Support Team Clerk, Union Central Life Insurance Co.; 06/1980 – 01/1981 Bus Person, Crest Hills Country Club

Family: Married for 27 years to Daniel Brafford with 2 children (25 & 30) and one "adorable" granddaughter (Evie), age 6

Affiliations: Member, Clermont County Bar Association; Board Member, Sycamore Creek Home Owners Association; Treasurer, Hickory Woods Campground, Inc.; Volunteer Lawyer, Legal Aide Society of Cincinnati, Speaker for "Now that You Are 18" League of Women Voter program

Endorsements: No answer provided

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

None

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

I have been a practicing attorney for 10 years. I have experience in all types of criminal cases from jaywalking to capital murder. Additionally, I have handled cases involving Domestic Relations, Juvenile, Landlord/Tenant, Civil lawsuits, Taxes and Bankruptcy. I have practiced law in all levels of court from Mayor's Court to Municipal Court to Common Pleas Court to Federal Court. I have practiced in numerous jurisdictions and in front of nearly one hundred different Judges and Magistrates. My diversity of legal experience will be an asset to the Clermont Municipal Court and the community it serves. I will bring a great and unique perspective to the bench.

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

Prior to becoming an attorney, I worked for 25 years in the business world. In that capacity I was involved with the judicial system from the perspective of a business person and an everyday person. The merging of my previous experiences and current position in the legal community has provided me with a better understanding of our judicial system and how to resolve conflict. I am passionate about solving conflict (both civil and criminal). As an attorney I have the privilege of assisting everyday people in this endeavor. The final stage of resolving conflict is as a judge. Municipal Court is the court of the people, where most people go to solve their conflicts. Further, Municipal Court is where most people first witness, learn, and experience the law and the administration of justice. I have great respect and passion for the fair administration of justice in accordance with the law.

Bar Association Ratings: No answer provided

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