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Occupation: Attorney with the law firm of Scott Scriven, LLP

Education: J.D. from Capital University Law School. B.A. in Political Science with minors in Communication and Philosophy of Law from The Ohio State University

Work Experience: Attorney with the law firm of Scott Scriven LLP (2009 to Present); Assistant Ohio Attorney General (2006 to 2009); Assistant Franklin County Prosecuting Attorney (1999 to 2006); Sole Practitioner in Private Practice (1996 to 1999); Assistant City Attorney, City of Whitehall (1995 to 1996).

Family: Married with two children ages 9 and 11.

Affiliations: Chair, Ohio Public Defender Commission; Board Member, Children's Hunger Alliance, Central Ohio Regional Advisory Board; Member of the Ohio State Bar Association; Member of the Columbus Bar Association; Parishioner St. Andrew Church; Life Member, National Eagle Scout Association, Boy Scouts of America; Leader, Cub Scout Pack 417; Former Assistant Coach for son's football, basketball, and baseball teams; Assistant Coach for daughter's soccer team; Drummer for a local band called "The Bug Hounds"

Judicial Votes Count



WHAT'S AT STAKE?

In 2018, Ohio voters elected judges to the Supreme Court of Ohio and all 12 districts of the Court of Appeals, as well as most courts of common pleas and county courts.

Election Results

2019 Voter Registration Deadlines

For Primary Election: April 8, 2019

For General Election: Oct. 7, 2019

[Register to Vote Online or Update Your Name/Address Here](#)

2019 Election Dates

Primary Election: May 7, 2019

General Election: Nov. 5, 2019

Polls are open on Election Days from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

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Endorsements: Fraternal Order of Police, Capital City Lodge No. 9, Columbus/Central Ohio Building and Construction Trades Council, Carpenters Local 200, IKORCC Regional Council of Carpenters, Teamsters Local 413, Transport Workers Union Local 208, International Union of Operating Engineers Local 18

Recommended by: A. Philip Randolph Institute, Coalition of Black Trade Unionists, Coalition of Labor Union Women

Bar Association Ratings:

I am "Highly Recommended" by the Columbus Bar Association's bipartisan Judicial Screening Committee.

I am "Highly Recommended" by the Central Ohio Association for Justice.

(1) List your judicial experience (courts and years):

I am seeking judicial office for the first time.

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

A Common Pleas Court judge presides over many different types of cases ranging from death penalty cases to contract disputes to personal injury claims. Most attorneys practice either civil or criminal law, but not both, and spend their careers focusing on one area of the law. Their limited experience does not prepare them for the numerous and wide-ranging cases a judge must decide. However, my unique legal career of over 22 years provides me the best experience to be a judge because I have handled hundreds of civil and criminal cases in courthouses all over Ohio. I have significant experience as a civil litigator in employment law, discrimination suits, workers' compensation claims, whistle blower actions, and business disputes. I also have extensive criminal jury trial experience as a former Assistant Franklin County Prosecutor in the Special Victims Unit, prosecuting violent felons and predators in death penalty, rape, burglary, robbery, theft, domestic violence, drugs, and weapons cases. I have worked at many different levels of the justice system. I have represented clients in juvenile, traffic, small claims, municipal, domestic relations, and common pleas courts, and numerous Courts of Appeal, the Supreme Court of Ohio, Bankruptcy Court, and United States Federal Courts. I have worked in both the public and private sectors. I have served Ohioans at all levels of government as an Assistant City Attorney for the City of Whitehall, an Assistant County Prosecutor under Ron O'Brien, and an Assistant Ohio Attorney General. And I currently serve as the Chairman of the Ohio Public Defender Commission. While working in the private sector, I previously ran my own business as a sole practitioner focusing on criminal defense law and traffic offenses, fighting for justice and protecting individual rights. I currently work in a law firm representing and helping businesses as they navigate the many laws, codes, and regulations governing their operations and affecting their decisions. Most importantly, my experience has taught me that each individual, regardless of who they are or where they're from, deserves respect and dignity, and that every person is entitled to equal access to the justice system and the opportunity to be heard. My experience has taught me that a judge must be fair and impartial, cannot have a political agenda, and must constantly strive to provide justice for all. It is these life lessons, learned through experience, which qualify me to be a Judge.

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

I want to be a Common Pleas Court judge because it is the best way I can serve the public utilizing my unique legal experience. A Common Pleas Court judge must make some of the most difficult decisions in the justice system. A judge decides whether an individual is guilty of a crime, how long someone should serve in prison, whether someone has been discriminated against, whether someone was wrongfully arrested, whether a doctor committed malpractice, whether a victim can recover damages, or whether a business wrongfully terminated an employee. And a judge presides over death penalty cases. To correctly make these decisions, an attorney who aspires to be a judge must have prior experience with these issues and these types of cases. In January 2019, three judges will be retiring from the bench due to age restrictions

imposed by the Ohio Constitution. Combined, over 70 years of judicial wisdom and experience will be lost. To reduce the loss, we need to elect judicial candidates who have extensive experience in the Common Pleas Court.

I am running for Common Pleas Court judge because I believe that experience matters. A record of proven experience provides the wisdom a judge needs to make difficult decisions and empowers a judge to maintain a strong and independent judiciary that is free from partisan influence. I believe trust matters. Judges are the guardians of our legal system. The public must be able to trust that a judge will seek the truth without a political agenda and act with the highest standards of professionalism at all times in both their public and private lives. I believe fairness matters. A judge must be fair and impartial protecting the rights of all who appear in court and ensuring that the courtroom is open, transparent, and accessible. I believe community matters. Our diverse community is our strength and a judge must endeavor to faithfully protect our community as well as each individual's rights. I believe justice matters. A judge must treat everyone with dignity and respect and dedicate themselves to seeking equal justice for all. If elected, I promise to dedicate my 22 years of proven legal experience to serving our community, treating everyone with dignity and respect, equally protecting individual rights, and providing justice for all. I humbly ask for your vote on November 6th. Thank you.

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