

## Carl Aveni



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**Occupation:** Partner and Co-Chair of the Litigation Department, Carlile Patchen & Murphy, LLP

**Education:** J.D., Boston University School of Law, 1996, cum laude; Editor, Boston University Law Review

**Work Experience:** Litigation and Trial Lawyer for 21 years before Ohio's Courts of Common Pleas, Courts of Appeals, and the Ohio Supreme Court

**Family:** Married, with two children.

**Affiliations:** Member, Maple Grove United Methodist Church, Columbus, Ohio (Chair of the Investment Committee); Member, International Association of Defense Counsel (State Membership Chair; Vice Chair of Programming for Trial techniques and Tactics Committee and Business Litigation Committee); Associate Editor, Litigation News, American Bar Association Section of Litigation; Former Den Leader (6 years), Cub Scout Pack 74, Simon Kenton Council.

**Endorsements:** Franklin County Democratic Party (<http://www.fcdp.org/myballot.html>); Stonewall Democrats of Central



### 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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Ohio (<https://stonewalldemsohio.org/endorsed-candidates/>)

**Bar Association Ratings:** The Bar Association has not yet performed its evaluation at the time of this submission. Will supplement after the Bar Association has performed its screening.

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

Until now, my 21 year legal career has been devoted primarily to representing clients in litigation before Ohio's Courts of Common Pleas, Courts of Appeals, and the Supreme Court of Ohio. I also have significant experience litigating in the federal court system, as well as before state administrative and regulatory agencies, and through private arbitration.

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

A large part of my practice has been representing first and second generation family run businesses in "bet-the-company" litigation. The kinds of disputes where everything is on the line, and a bad outcome might change the trajectory of an entire family for decades. I have sat with my clients around the kitchen table the night before trial, listening to their fears and offering advice, support and counsel.

Over the course of two decades, I have seen litigants, witnesses, and their families on some of the most difficult days of their lives. I have seen the toll that our system takes on them, all regardless of outcome. My legal experience has prepared me to serve our community, with the aim of pairing legal scholarship with humility; bringing legal rigor and impartial dispassion, but also a healthy measure of compassion, respect, and, where appropriate, mercy.

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

There is no greater calling than public service in support of a fair and free society. And there is no higher duty than to ensure justice for the disenfranchised as much as for the powerful. My legal career has allowed me to help families on the best and worst days of their lives. The simple fact is that the Court of Common Pleas is where Americans intersect most directly with their government, and they rightly expect our judges to match the requisite impartiality, scholarship and trial skills with a sense of basic decency. I believe I have something to offer our community in service of those goals.

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