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Occupation: Judge, Franklin County Court of Common Pleas, Domestic Relations Division and Juvenile Branch

Education: The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law, Juris Doctorate (1987); University of Cincinnati, Bachelor of Arts with honors in Political Science (1984)

Work Experience: 2007-Present Judge, Franklin County Court of Common Pleas, Domestic and Juvenile Divisions; prior to taking the bench my practice was limited to family law matters primarily representing parents and acting as a Guardian ad Litem for children.

Affiliations: National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges; Juv. Law Advisory Committee 2017-2018; Advisory Committee on Children & Families, Supreme Court of Ohio; current Chair of Juvenile Justice Subcommittee, Founding Board Member of Franklin County Youth Council; Volunteer for Columbus Public Schools working with truant children at West High School; Commission on the Rules of Practice & Procedures, Supreme Court of Ohio (2008-2013), Ohio State and Columbus Bar Associations, Ohio Association of Domestic Relations Judges, Ohio Association of Juvenile Court Judges, Moot Court volunteer judge, Mentor, Ohio Supreme Court Lawyer to Lawyer

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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Mentoring Program, Alvis House, two-term past Board member
Endorsements: Franklin County Democratic Party, Stonewall Democrats of Central Ohio

Bar Association Ratings: http://www.cbalaw.org/cba_prod/Main/Resources/Public/Judicial-Elections.aspx

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

I have served on the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas, Domestic Relations Division and Juvenile Branch since January 1, 2007. I have served as Lead Juvenile Judge since January 2012.

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

I was a family law attorney for 18 years before I became a Judge. I became involved in judicial politics prior to my election because I saw first hand the impact a judge and judicial officer can have on case, and how important it is for that judge to have practiced in the area over which he/she presides. This is especially true in family law. Without that experience, it is difficult for the decision maker to truly understand the emotional and financial impact that day to day judicial case management, delays and decisions have on families and children. My 18 years of representation of individuals from all walks of life and economic backgrounds and acting as a Guardian ad Litem for children gives me keen insight into each case that comes before me.

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

I am asking for the opportunity to continue serving as one of Franklin County's Domestic and Juvenile Court judges because I am passionate about helping families and children who find themselves involved in the domestic or juvenile justice systems. The Domestic Division of this Court handles divorce, dissolution, post decree contested custody and support matters and domestic violence cases. The Juvenile Branch handles juvenile delinquency, abuse, neglect and dependency cases, never-married parents' custody/child support disputes and juvenile domestic violence cases, truancy and unruly matters. I have spent my 11 years on the bench applying my 18 years of prior experience as a family law attorney and continuing to learn and assess best practices from across the state and the country to apply best practices in the resolution of cases for better family outcomes. I have worked for better case management in domestic cases to assure timely and fair resolution to reduce the financial and psychological costs of extended contested litigation.

As Lead Juvenile Judge I have strived to forge and encourage ongoing collaboration with all of Franklin County's juvenile justice service providers and stakeholders so as to instill evidence based practices and data driven decisions here at Court and through our providers. My work has included the establishment of early intervention diversion programs such as community restorative justice circles for first time low level offenders and truancy intervention specialists in our schools. I have led the establishment of a special empowerment docket for youth who have been involved in human trafficking. In addition, much work has been accomplished in expanding community services for justice involved youth including employment opportunities and faith based collaborations. Collaborate trainings and consortiums are working to improve the timely and effective resolution of families involved with Franklin County Children's Services. All of this work has a goal of providing for healthier families and safer communities. While much has been accomplished over the last 11 years, there remains much to do. It is a privilege and a responsibility to hold this office. I believe I am qualified to continue this work and am willing and able to put in the effort and leadership necessary for continued improvements throughout our entire local juvenile justice system.

