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Work Experience: Assistant Montgomery County Prosecuting Attorney (2007-20012); Associate Attorney for law firm Dyer, Garofalo, Mann & Schultz; Montgomery County Juvenile Court Magistrate (Currently)

Family: Married with 2 children

Affiliations: Christian

Endorsements: Dayton-Miami Valley AFL-CIO

Bar Association Ratings: N/A

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

I serve as a Montgomery County Juvenile Court Magistrate. In June of 2016 I was appointed and sworn in by Judges Nick Kuntz and Anthony Capizzi. I primarily oversee Juvenile Delinquency cases which include all felonies, misdemeanors, traffic and status offenses (such as unruly and truancy cases) committed by juveniles. Also, I hear child custody cases where unfortunately children must be removed from their parent(s), guardian(s), and/or custodian(s) due to them being abused, neglected and/or dependent. Many of these children will be placed in the care of Montgomery County Children's Services. As Magistrate I have been honored with the opportunity to cover as Judge Anthony Capizzi's backup for his nationally recognized Drug/Treatment Court program for juveniles. This program works with juveniles who are dependent on illicit drugs and substances. Additionally I have had the pleasure of covering for the late Judge Nick Kuntz' truancy docket working with juveniles who are habitually absent from school. An overwhelming number of these youth will have some kind of contact with Montgomery County Common Pleas Court in the near future

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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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which is why presiding as magistrate in juvenile court is preparing me for the current seat that I am seeking.

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

My legal career began as an Assistant Montgomery County Prosecuting Attorney serving under Mathias H. Heck from 2007-2011. I was quickly elevated to the Criminal Docket where I prosecuted hundreds of felonies in Montgomery County Common Pleas Court and tried many cases before judges and juries at every felony level. Almost immediately after receiving my law degree and becoming a prosecutor I had the pleasure of arguing before the 2nd District Court of Appeals. As an Assistant Prosecuting Attorney I worked alongside many members of law enforcement to protect victims of crimes in Montgomery County. During that time, I was selected to attend and completed training at the United States Department of Justice's National Advocacy Center in Columbia, South Carolina. Outside of the courtroom, I prioritized volunteering as a mentor, often bringing local youth interested in the law to observe court hearings. Following my career as an assistant prosecuting attorney, I joined the litigation department of Dyer, Garofalo, Mann, and Schultz, specializing in personal injury, worker's compensation, and criminal defense. There, I utilized my trial skills from the prosecutor's office and tried many civil cases before the Montgomery County Common Pleas Court as well as other surrounding counties. To be a good judge it is important to have played many positions within the courtroom and devote time outside of the courtroom to build the communities' confidence in the court system. Having had the pleasure of representing Montgomery County and its citizens from the prosecution's side, civil side and defense side qualifies me to not only be a judge, but also to be a fair, unbiased and impartial judge.

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

I have spent the majority of my legal career serving and advocating for the citizens of Montgomery County both inside and outside of the courtroom. Serving in these capacities has allowed me to see the unfortunate cycle of families who come through our court systems. I tried felony cases in the exact courtroom that I am running for and unfortunately am seeing the younger children, siblings and family members of the people I prosecuted. The issue with this "revolving door" cannot be overstated and I want to continue to be a part of the solution not just from behind the bench, but beyond the bench. While in private practice, I frequently volunteered my time speaking with adult ex-felons about sealing and/or expunging their criminal records and assisting them in receiving their Certificate of Qualifications for Employment to improve their employability in the work force. I am proud to serve on the Mon-Day Correctional Institute's Facility's Governing Board alongside other Montgomery County Common Pleas Court judges. As a juvenile court magistrate I created an after-school CrossFit program for at-risk youth where court-involved juveniles are brought to Centerville CrossFit for intense workouts, learn life skills, while building self-esteem, discipline, and character. I am a frequent speaker at local churches, grade schools, and the University of Dayton School of Law. I currently serve as a mentor for students at Central State University and the University of Dayton School of Law. I have collaborated with Parity Incorporated and Montgomery Common Pleas Court engaging in a "Court Camp" for students. Parity Incorporated would later nominate me one of Dayton's Top-Ten African-American Males in 2018. This type of community-based work is the direction many courts around the country are headed in order to keep men and

women from entering the court system. It is no secret that African-American males make up over 1/3 of the jail and prison population and total nearly six times the incarceration rate of whites. We have never had an African-American male serve on this court and while we have a very fine bench, I will bring something new, something more and something different to Montgomery County Common Pleas Court. I am confident that my courtroom experience, qualifications and community work makes me the better candidate for this seat.

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