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Occupation: Attorney

Education: J.D., University of Cincinnati College of Law, Summa Cum Laude; B.A., Miami University, Cum Laude

Work Experience: Since graduating from law school in 2007, my primary focus has been appeals. I am currently employed by the Moore Law Firm, where I am responsible for all of the firm's appeals and legal writing.

Family: Married with two sons

Affiliations: Presbyterian

Endorsements: Hamilton County Democratic Party, Ohio AFL-CIO, Cincinnati AFL-CIO Labor Council, Cincinnati Federation of Teachers, Greater Cincinnati UAW-CAP Labor Council, UFCW Local 75, Greater Cincinnati Building Trades, LiUNA Local 265, OAPSE/AFSCME, AFS-CME Ohio Council 8, Cincinnati Women's Political Caucus, National Association of Social Workers – Ohio Chapter

Bar Association Ratings: N/A

(1) List your judicial experience (courts and years):
N/A

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

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

My parents raised me to work hard, recognize injustice, and fight for fairness. From a young age, I have spent my life working to ensure that everyone is treated fairly and respectfully. After graduating from Miami University in 1994, I spent ten years working at non-profit organizations. This work gave me the opportunity to meet and work with real people who are affected every day by the decisions made by those in a position of authority. Following law school, I had the honor of working for two years at the First District Court of Appeals as a staff attorney. There, I had a first-hand view of how the Court worked. I witnessed how excellent appellate advocates framed their cases and arguments. I observed many practices of the Court that I believed helped to ensure fairness. I also saw some practices that I believed should be changed. Further, I had the opportunity to improve my legal writing to ensure that I could be an excellent appellate advocate. After my clerkship, I focused the remainder of my career on appeals. I have worked in the Supreme Court of Ohio, the federal Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals, and Ohio intermediate Courts of Appeals. I have handled appeals in many areas of law, such as contracts, personal injury, insurance coverage, domestic relations, criminal, and zoning. Shortly after opening my own law firm, I agreed to represent a single mother who had lost at every level: the magistrate, trial court, and Court of Appeals had ruled against her. The Supreme Court of Ohio granted jurisdiction over my client's appeal, an honor bestowed on few Ohio attorneys. The Supreme Court of Ohio unanimously ruled in my client's favor, thus reversing all of the lower courts. I have had the opportunity to observe many great judges and some judges that I did not believe should be on the bench. I have seen first-hand how excellent judges ensure that the system is fair for all people, regardless of race, age, income level, sexual orientation, religion, etc.

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

My legal career has been focused on appellate advocacy. Through my work in various courts, I believe that some improvements will make the First District Court of Appeals an exemplary court. I want to work with my colleagues to achieve that level of excellence. First, I want to increase the Court's transparency. In recent years, the Court has taken steps to make it less mysterious, such as holding community courts and inviting in students. But there are still numerous opportunities for improvement. For example, many decisions from the Court are two- or three-page journal entries that do not adequately inform parties why they have won or lost. Not only is it good practice to issue a full decision with clear legal reasoning, but also it helps increase trust in the system when people understand why a court rules in a particular way. Second, I want to expand access to the Court. The First District Court of Appeals, unlike other Ohio appellate courts, has rules in place that restrict attorneys and parties from fully arguing their issues. For example, the number of pages and types of briefs permitted are limited. I want to work with my colleagues to ensure that parties and their attorneys are granted the opportunity to fully argue their cases. Third, my work ethic makes me an ideal candidate for an appellate court judge. Working hard energizes me and I enjoy reading, writing, and researching. I never want a party or an attorney to experience the disappointment of appearing before a judge who is not prepared or who has not taken the time to understand the nuanced issues. Being a judge means being a public servant. If I were elected to serve as a judge, I would take that responsibility very seriously. Whether it takes 40 hours per week or 80, I would be thoroughly prepared for every single

case that appears before me. If I were elected, all parties could feel certain that I would carefully read their briefs and research all of the issues in their cases. All parties should feel confident that win or lose, at least the judges hearing their appeals listened, paid attention, understood their issues, and provided an explanation for the decision.

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