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James W. Brown



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Occupation: Judge on the bench of the Franklin County, Ohio Court of Common Pleas Division of Domestic Relations and Juvenile Court

Education: The Ohio State University, B.A. 1979, J.D. 1982

Work Experience: Sole practitioner from 1982-2014 representing clients in family law matters throughout Ohio

Family: Married with two adult children

Affiliations: Non-denominational

Endorsements: AFSCME Ohio Council #8; Baptist Ministerial Alliance; Coalition of Black Trade Unionists; Columbus Building Trades Council; Columbus Fire Fighters Union, Local 67; Franklin County Council of Education Associations; Fraternal Order of Police, Capital City Lodge #9, <http://fop9.org/>; Teachers for Better Schools (CEA); Stonewall Democrats of Central Ohio

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

I have been a sitting Judge on the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas Division of Domestic Relations and Juvenile Branch for just under four years.

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

I was in private practice as a family law attorney from 1982-2014. I had the pleasure and privilege to practice with my father, Wilmore Brown, a distinguished family law attorney and professor as well as my older brother Jeffrey Brown. Their experience provided an additional wealth of knowledge. I practiced in forty different counties in Ohio which provided me with many different perspectives to managing a courtroom.

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

I seek re-election to the bench because I believe that my experience and temperament bring fairness and equity to the cases before me. This is especially important as the domestic relations and juvenile court oversees all cases affecting the families and children of Franklin County. My experience allows me to assist litigants in achieving outcomes that are fair, equitable and serve the best interests of children and families. Further, I have been given the opportunity to develop a center to greatly improve the system and aid victims of domestic violence.

Bar Association Ratings: Highly Recommended by the Columbus Bar Association,
http://www.cbalaw.org/CBA_PROD/Main/News_Items/2018_Judiciary_Committee_Findings.aspx; Columbus Bar Association Judicial Performance Poll 2018,
http://www.cbalaw.org/CBA_PROD/Main/News_Items/Columbus_Bar_2018_Judicial_Performance_Poll_Results_Announced.aspx; Columbus Bar Association Judicial Performance Poll 2016,
http://www.cbalaw.org/CBA_PROD/Main/News_Items/Columbus_Bar_2016_Judicial_Performance_Poll_Results_Announced.aspx

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