

## Jim Hughes



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**Occupation:** Attorney/ Ohio House of Representatives- State Representative 24th Ohio House District

**Education:** The Ohio State University-BSBA, Capital Law School- Juris Doctorate

**Work Experience:** Current- Ohio House of Representatives for the 24th Ohio House District. Partner at Isaac Wiles Burkholder & Tettor, LLC Former- Ohio Senate for the 16th District, Assistant Prosecutor for Franklin County Prosecutor's Office, Assistant City Prosecutor for City Prosecutor's Office, Bailiff/Court Constable for Franklin County Court of Common Pleas

**Family:** Married and one daughter

**Affiliations:** Past Master for Goodale Lodge, Honorary Member for Kentucky Colonel, Aladdin Shrine Temple member of Reception Unit, and Ambassador Unit, Life member of The Ohio State University Alumni Association, Member of Charity Newsies, Member of Agonis Club of Columbus, Member of Area Chambers of Commerce, Active Shamrock Club Member, Congressional Youth Leadership Council Board of Ohio State Legislators, Ohio Prematurity Caucus, Ohio

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

After practicing law for 24 years, in both the public and private sectors, plus doing both civil and criminal practices, this is my initial seeking of a judgeship. In the public area, I was an Assistant City Attorney, Assistant Franklin County Prosecutor for Ron Oâ€™™ Brien and I worked as a constable/bailiff for Judge Tommy L. Thompson of The Franklin County Court of Common Pleas while attending night law school. I have been with Isaac Wiles, also known as Wiles Boyle, for 18 years representing clients in various state, county and federal courts.

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

It is important to look at my experience and background from a common-sense, 24-year record doing both civil and criminal, public and private practices. As an elected official for 18 years, my experience has been dealing with challenging legal issues and representing citizens. This meant doing what was right even if that was against the interests of my own party. As a legislator and judge you have to focus first on the law and what protects our citizens and community. As a lifelong resident, former Prosecutor and State Legislator, my top priority has been to keep our communities and families safe.

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

My beliefs and background have always held the judiciary in the very highest esteem. My interest in the judiciary began while working as a court constable/bailiff for Judge Tommy L. Thompson, of the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas while attending night law school. Our legal systems are based on the Constitutions of the United States and Ohio. If elected, I would bring on the intricate and in-depth understanding of these legal systems and the complexities of daily issues challenging our fast-changing society

Legislative Manufacturing Caucus, The Wellness Forum, BILLD Fellow, Midwestern Council of State Governments, Kids Voting Honorary Board Member, Board of Governors for Central Ohio Crime Stoppers, Board Member for the Impact Community Action, Supreme Court Commission on the RULES of Superintendence 2008-2012, Capital University Law School Board of Counselors 2010-2014, Ohio General Assembly Cancer Caucus Co-Chair 2011-2016, Association of Ohio Commodores 2012-present, Federalist Society Member.

**Endorsements:** John Lacey II, President of A. Philip Randolph Institute. Louella Jeter, President of Coalition of Black Trade Unionist. Betty Simmons Talley President of Coalition of Labor Union Women. IKO Regional Council of Carpenters. Transport Workers Union Local 208. Teamsters Local Union No. 413. Ohio AFSCME Power in Action. Teamsters Local 284. Ohio State Legislative Board. International Union of Operating Engineers Local 18. Columbus/Central Ohio Building and Construction Trades Council. Central Ohio Labor Council, AFL-CIO. Teachers for Better Schools. Ohio Civil Service Employees Association, AFSCME Local 11. Columbus Fire Fighters Union Local 67. Fraternal Order of Police. Teamsters Local 284. Franklin County Council of Education. Bricklayers & Allied Craftworkers Local 55.

**Bar Association Ratings:** Columbus Bar Association- Highly Recommended [http://www.cbalaw.org/cba\\_prod](http://www.cbalaw.org/cba_prod). Central Ohio Association for Justice- Highly Recommended <https://coaj.org/>

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