

Jim Slagle



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Occupation: Judge, Marion County Common Pleas Court

Education: J.D., The Ohio State University College of Law, 1980. B.S. Political Science, The Ohio State University, 1977.

Work Experience: Common Pleas Judge since 2013. Attorney since 1980. Marion County Prosecuting Attorney, 1985 – 2008. Criminal Justice Chief for Ohio Attorney General, 2009 – 2011.

Family: Married for 35 years. Three adult daughters. Two sons-in-law. One grandson.

Affiliations: Epworth United Methodist Church. President of Ohio Justice Alliance for Community Corrections. Member of Criminal Law and Community Corrections Committees for Ohio Judicial Conference. Marion Opiate Task Force.

Endorsements: N/A

Bar Association Ratings: 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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(1) List your judicial experience (courts and years):

Jim Slagle has served as Judge of the Marion County Common Pleas Court, since being elected in 2012. He presides over criminal felony cases and major civil litigation. He established Marion County's first felony drug court, chairs the local community corrections planning board, and also presides over a reentry docket.

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

Judge Slagle served for 24 years as Marion County Prosecuting Attorney. He is a former president of the Ohio Prosecuting Attorney's Association, and in 2008 was selected Ohio's Prosecuting Attorney of the Year. As Prosecutor, Slagle joined with the Sheriff and Police Chief to establish the MARMET drug task force, which has resulted in hundreds of drug dealers being sent to prison. Slagle prosecuted all types of felony criminal cases in the Marion County Common Pleas Court. This included 20 murder cases he successfully prosecuted and five death penalty cases. Slagle also obtained grant funds to establish a victim advocacy program within the Prosecutor's Office to ensure that the rights of crime victims were protected.

As Prosecuting Attorney, Slagle also served as the attorney for over 50 different county and township offices and boards. In 2009, Slagle was named Chief of the Criminal Justice Section for the Ohio Attorney General, where he led a team of 35 lawyers who handled criminal and civil litigation in the state and federal courts. He also represented the Attorney General on multiple statewide bodies and advised the Attorney General on criminal justice issues. Slagle has appeared in the courts of 23 Ohio counties, the federal courts, and the courts of appeals, and argued 12 cases in the Ohio Supreme Court. He has handled a wide variety of civil and criminal cases, both as a private attorney and in his public positions.

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

Judge Slagle is running for re-election so that he can administer justice fairly, efficiently, and effectively in order to protect the public and to hold offenders accountable. Towards that end, Judge Slagle has sentenced numerous dangerous and violent offenders to prison. However, Judge Slagle understands that in order to truly hold offenders accountable, he must continue to be involved even after imposing sentence.

Judge Slagle established Marion's first felony drug court, so that drug addicts face immediate consequences if they fail to comply with treatment requirements. Numerous studies have shown that drug courts reduce crime, improve public safety, and save tax dollars. Judge Slagle also established a reentry docket, so that offenders who return to the community after being released from a correctional facility appear before him regularly to ensure that they comply with the law, get a job, and become productive citizens. If they don't, immediate consequences can be imposed. Judge Slagle works with local treatment providers to ensure that drug treatment starts before drug addicts are released from jail. He helped establish a drug testing program that requires probationers to call in for drug testing seven days per week, including weekends and holidays, so that noncompliance can be immediately addressed.

As a result of this work, in 2015, Judge Slagle was selected for the C. J. McLin Award which recognizes one public official in Ohio who has worked to improve community corrections. In 2016, the Marion County Common Pleas Court Probation Department was selected for the Cliff Skeen Award, which recognizes the felony probation department which best uses evidence-based practices to supervise

felony offenders. Judge Slagle believes that justice delayed is justice denied. Since taking office, Judge Slagle completely eliminated the court's backlog and greatly reduced the time it takes for cases to be brought to trial. Judge Slagle believes it is important that crime victims have a right to attend all court proceedings. To accomplish this, he ended the Court's prior practice of holding pretrial hearings in private which excluded victims, parties, and their family members. Judge Slagle originally ran for Common Pleas Judge because he wanted to improve how the court served the public. He is running for re-election so that he can continue to build on these positive changes.

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