

Laurel Beatty Blunt



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Occupation: Judge, Franklin County Court of Common Pleas, General Division

Education: B.A. Spelman College, magna cum laude 1996; J.D. Vanderbilt University School of Law 1999

Work Experience: Prior to taking the bench in 2009 I practiced civil litigation on behalf of plaintiffs and defendants in both a small and large firm setting.

Family: Married with 2 children

Affiliations: Member, The Supreme Court of Ohio Commission on Continuing Legal Education; Trustee, Common Pleas Judges Association; Member, Columbus Bar Association; Member, Ohio State Bar Association; Member, Ohio Women's Bar Association; Member, John Mercer Langston Bar Association, Member, Women Lawyers of Franklin County

Endorsements: As of March 30, 2018, Franklin County Democratic Party and Stonewall Democrats

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

[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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Bar Association Ratings: N/A

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

Since 2009 I have presided over civil cases where the amount in dispute is above 5,000, felony criminal cases, and administrative appeals. Between April 2009 and December 2017, I presided over more than 10,000 cases. Of these cases, 16 were designated as complex litigation. As of December 2017, I have presided over 81 criminal jury trials, 16 civil jury trials, 1 criminal bench trial and 34 civil bench trials. I have been exposed to and decided a variety of issues from sentencing on murder and rape cases to multi-million-dollar civil litigation. And I have done so in a thorough and timely manner. I currently serve as a Member of Franklin County Court of Common Pleas General Division Personnel and Criminal Committees and I am Vice-Chair of the Finance Committee. I previously served on the Technology and Rules Committees.

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

I have proven myself to be an independent thinker committed to following the law and doing what I think is right. I have made many difficult decisions and withstood the accompanying scrutiny. My experience and proven dedication to public service make me uniquely qualified to become an appellate judge. I am willing to listen to all people, I treat all people with respect and I work hard on every case. I apply the law to each matter before me in a tempered, impartial and fair manner while always remembering that the decisions I make have a tremendous impact on people's lives. I have worked tirelessly to improve our community through my deep commitment to public service. For example, I served on the Greater Columbus Infant Mortality Task Force, which aimed to reduce the rate of infant mortality in Franklin County. I have served on the boards of United Way of Central Ohio and YWCA Columbus.

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

I am running to become a Judge on the Tenth District Court of Appeals to impact the application of justice in a fair and just manner on a larger scale. In contrast to my current position as a trial court judge where my decisions only impact the cases before me, my decisions on the appellate level would have county-wide application. This larger reach could potentially extend to the entire state because other counties often rely on 10th District decisions when reaching their own determinations.