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Hamilton County Municipal Court Magistrate, Hamilton County  
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**Endorsements:** N/A

**Bar Association Ratings:** N/A

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

I was a Hamilton County Municipal Court Magistrate from 2000-2003.  
From 2003-2016 I was a Hamilton County Municipal Court Judge. In  
2016 I was elected for an unexpired term to the Hamilton County  
Common Pleas Court where I serve today.

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

During my time as an Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, I noticed a large percentage of criminal offenders were suffering from addiction, mental illness or a combination of the two. It became apparent to me that if those offenders whose criminal offenses stemmed from mental illness/addiction were to receive treatment, that the recidivism rate for this population would drop. Incarcerating the mentally ill offender means that their criminal conduct would only be interrupted rather than stopped. Incarceration is expensive and totally ineffective in curtailing the criminal conduct of the addicted/mentally ill offender. A

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### 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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few years after assuming the bench in Municipal Court, I agreed to preside over a Mental Health Docket once a week. Through an alliance with mental health providers, special probation officers and our Court Clinic we dealt with eligible non-violent offenders with a “team” approach. The object of Mental Health Court is simple, connect mentally ill offenders with treatment and you will reduce recidivism. I’m happy to say this approach has proven to be very successful. I am currently presiding over one of two Mental Health Dockets in the Hamilton County Common Pleas Court. Every Thursday, just as I did in Municipal Court, I meet with a team of mental health professionals as well as the probation officer assigned to Mental Health Court. We discuss each offender’s progress and discuss the best way to manage their recovery. Following our meeting, we have court. As each case is called, I enter into a discussion with each of the defendants. The majority of felony mental health court participants also have a coexisting substance abuse disorder. Therefore, in addition to treating the mental illness, we must also treat the substance abuse disorder. Because the team approach means that each treatment provider is up to speed with what is going on with an offender, we have successful results.

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

I have been proud to have served the citizens of Hamilton County for the last 15 years as a Judge first on the Municipal Court bench and now as a Common Pleas Judge. I like the work and the challenge of fashioning appropriate sentences for criminal offenders, and the challenge of determining appropriate decisions in civil matters. It’s important in this day and age that we have Judges who are experienced in determining alternative sentences for non-violent offenders. It’s important to fashion sentences that both protect the public, and reduce the likelihood of re-offending. It is also important to know when a prison sentence is in order.

After 34 years of being first a trial lawyer and then Judge, I have developed skills that help me in determining when prison is required or when probation should be granted. I also know how important it is to give victims of crime a voice in sentencing. Judges must ensure that victims know that they are being heard and that their wishes and fears are being addressed by the Court. My extensive experience as both a litigator and trial Judge has impressed upon me the importance of listening to all sides of an argument before making a decision. I strive to do that every day that I take the bench. It is important that the parties to a law suit, and the parties in a criminal prosecution know that the Judge deciding their case takes the job seriously with an eye toward fairness and justice within the law.