

## Michelle J. Sheehan



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**Education:** J.D., Cleveland-Marshall College of Law (1993), Articles Editor, Cleveland State Law Review; B.A., Miami University (Oxford) (1990)

**Work Experience:** Attorney at Reminger Co., LPA; Extern with Judge Donald C. Nugent, Eighth District Court of Appeals; Law Clerk, Of×ce of the Attorney General, Lee Fisher

**Family:** Married to Brendan Sheehan for 23 years with 3 children (ages 20, 18 and 15)

**Affiliations:** Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association, Chair of the Government Liability Section, Women in Law Member and Former Executive Council Member; Cleveland-Marshall College of Law, Alumni Association Board of Trustees, Honorary Member and Former Committee Chairperson; Northern District of Ohio Federal Court Advisory Group; Judicial Conference of the Eighth Judicial District, Life



### 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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Member; Ohio Women's Bar Association, Past President; Former Rocky River Civil Service Commission Member; St. Christopher Church  
Lector

**Endorsements:** Cuyahoga County Democratic Party, Cuydems.com;  
Ohio AFL-CIO Federation of Labor; North Shore AFL-CIO Federation of Labor; Cleveland Building and Construction Trades Council as well as various labor unions and elected officials

**Bar Association Ratings:**

Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association: Excellent

Cuyahoga Criminal Defense Lawyers Association: Excellent

Norman S. Minor Bar Association: Good

Ohio Women's Bar Association: Excellent

Overall Score: 3.75/4.0

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

This is my first judicial candidacy.

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

My extensive experience as both a trial lawyer and appellate advocate, coupled with my leadership skills and temperament provide the perfect skills set for an appellate judge. I have litigated cases in both state and federal court on behalf of a diverse group of clients for over 25 years. I have been rated AV Preeminent by Martindale Hubbell. This rating is the highest possible rating in both legal ability and ethical standards as reflected by the confidential opinions of members of the bar and judiciary. I have also been repeatedly recognized as one of the Top 25 Female Attorneys in Cleveland by Ohio Super Lawyer Magazine. I have represented clients in appellate matters before the Ohio Supreme Court, the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals and almost every appellate district in the state of Ohio. I am one of only 28 attorneys throughout the state who is certified as an appellate specialist by the Ohio State Bar Association.

I take pride in my ability to synthesize large amounts of information, objectively evaluate all aspects of a complex legal issue, and analyze the applicable law. In addition to my legal experience, I also serve as a mediator and assist parties to resolve disputes. Through this experience, I evaluate legal issues from the perspective of both sides of the dispute and have worked with the parties to achieve a common resolution. I will bring this unique experience and perspective to the bench. I have served in various leadership roles within my firm and the community. I have been a partner at Reminger Co., LPA for over 20 years and have been an active leader in the firm. I was a founding member of my firm's Women's Leadership Council; was one of the first females at my firm to rise from the ranks of being a law clerk to being hired as an associate and ultimately promoted to partner.

Along the way, I have served as a friend and mentor to many.

Throughout my career, I have served others in the community including serving as President of the Ohio Women's Bar Association, various leadership roles in local organizations including the CMBA, YWCA, and civil service commission member amongst others. I have been featured as "Who To Watch in Law" in Crain's Cleveland Magazine for my pro bono work with El Barrio Workforce at The Centers.

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

I am the endorsed Democrat candidate for the open term that will be created by the retirement of the Eighth District Court of Appeals Judge Tim McCormack. I am a candidate for the Eighth District Court of Appeals because I want to utilize my skill sets to give back to the community and improve the justice system. Inevitably, cases are often determined at the appellate level. The court of appeals is in effect the court of last resort for many litigants as the Ohio Supreme Court only accepts a small percentage of cases to review. Therefore, the court of appeals is the last opportunity for a litigant to have three judges review a case and objectively apply the law to the facts of the case. I believe I can make a difference in people's lives by this public service whereas as an attorney I'm only able to impact the lives of my clients. My decisions as a jurist will help provide fair and equal justice for ALL.

After years of litigating, I'm perfectly suited to make a difference that far surpasses my contributions to the community as a practicing lawyer. As a Judge, I will work toward providing access to the courts for all litigants in an efficient and organized manner. I will use the skills that I have acquired through years of practice and provide a perspective of a seasoned lawyer who has appeared before many different appellate courts. As a jurist, I can endeavor to implement meaningful best practices to our justice system that will allow litigants the chance to have their issues heard and decided fairly and in compliance with the law. I respectfully request your support. More information about my experiences and credentials are located at [www.reminger.com/attorneys-Michelle-Sheehan.html](http://www.reminger.com/attorneys-Michelle-Sheehan.html) as well as [www.attorneyatlawmagazine/cleveland/](http://www.attorneyatlawmagazine/cleveland/) "Michelle Sheehan, Attorney of the Month: Tailor-Made For the Bench."

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