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Occupation: Magistrate, Stark County Common Pleas Court

Education: The Ohio State University, B.A. summa cum laude, Case Western Reserve University School of Law, J.D.

Work Experience: 2002-2003, Assistant Public Defender, Portage County, 2003-present, Magistrate, Stark County Court of Common Pleas, General Division, Appointed by Judge John Haas

Family: Married with 2 children

Affiliations: Stark County Bar Association Executive Committee, Stark County Bar Association Community Involvement Committee, Ohio Association of Magistrates, Ohio State Bar Association, Lake Community YMCA Board, Keep Lake Great Bond Issue Committee, Lecturer Ohio Judicial College, Women's Impact, Inc., Courthouse Bicentennial Trumpeters' Ball Co-Chair, Parishioner Christ the Servant Parish at Our Lady of Peace Church

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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Endorsements: General Tuck Drivers and Helpers Teamsters Local Union 92

Bar Association Ratings: Stark County Bar Association Judiciary Committee Rating – Recommended

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

Magistrate, Stark County Court of Common Pleas, General Division
2003-present

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

I began my legal career as an assistant public defender, representing indigent clients in all phases of criminal defense. As a public defender, I was immediately placed in a courtroom. Not only did I learn criminal law and procedure, but I learned the importance of an impartial judicial system. Justice requires that all accused of crime have access to legal representation and a fair trial. The safety of our community depends on the equal administration of justice and judges who hold people accountable. I have applied my knowledge of criminal law and the skills I learned as an advocate to my work as a magistrate. I treat litigants and attorneys with respect and allow all who come before me an opportunity to be heard. I know that each and every case is important to the parties involved.

Moreover, I have demonstrated good judicial temperament and an ability to keep an open mind. The success of the courts is due in large part to judges with a strong work ethic and an ability to implement creative and effective programs that enhance the way justice is managed. My work in the community has provided me with these skills. I have served on various boards, am currently on the Executive Committee of the Stark County Bar Association, and am a graduate of Leadership Stark County. I have devoted my legal career to public service and am ready to serve Stark County as a Common Pleas Judge.

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

It is often said that there is no substitute for experience. As a Common Pleas Magistrate for nearly fifteen years, I have experience with the same cases I would handle as a Common Pleas Judge. I have presided over trials, hearings, arraignments, pretrials, issued protection orders for victims of stalking, and have authored thousands of judicial opinions on a wide range of cases, both criminal and civil. In Common Pleas Court, the cases are complex and the crimes are serious. The experience I possess is not only extensive, but relevant to the position I seek and will allow me to hit the ground running on day one.

Because of my position with the Court, I understand the issues we are facing including the opioid crisis, changes in legislation that affect sentencing, and the need for innovative programs. I have assisted with and have presided over the Re-entry Court and Domestic Violence Court. I have seen the positive outcomes of these problem-solving courts and know the benefits of enhanced judicial supervision and programming. These specialized dockets free up court and jail resources, reduce recidivism, and improve the quality of life for many in our community. If elected, I would like to expand the Domestic Violence Court to collaborate with victim service agencies and community based groups.

Finally, the hallmark of a good judge is fairness. Fairness requires knowing the rules and ensuring that everyone is playing by the same rules. I believe I have a record of fairness and I am committed to a level playing field for all who come before the court seeking justice. I have

the relevant experience, temperament, and dedication to be a judge. I am ready to serve the people of Stark County in this important role.

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