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Work Experience: Working since 12 yrs old. Professional Experience 12 years as an Attorney General Practice Civil and Criminal cases, 4 yrs as Acting Judge Maumee Municipal Court while still practicing, 11+ years on Lucas County Common Pleas Court Bench.

Family: Married, 3 children

Affiliations: TARTA Board; AWAKE Board; Member Opioid Coalition; Member Toledo Bar Association; Member Toledo Women's Bar Association

Endorsements: Democratic Party

Bar Association Ratings: No current ratings out as of the time of completion of this document. I believe it would be unfair to use prior ratings, as my opponent would not have had an opportunity to have been considered.

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

I am in my 12th year as a Judge of the Lucas County Common Pleas Court. Prior to taking this seat I served for 4 years as an Acting Judge at Maumee Municipal Court while still maintaining my practice. I have tried cases as a practicing attorney in both jurisdictions as well as having presided over dozens of trials and hearings throughout the years at both the Municipal and Common Pleas Level. While serving on the bench I have brought a drug court like model to the courtroom for the last 11 years and it served as the basic model of the current individual drug court that is now running as a specialized docket. I

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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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continue to monitor the High Risk Recidivism population on my current caseload in the same manner working with treatment providers and probation officers as well as outside resources to fashion a useful productive sentence that benefits the community in the long run. This type of supervision is used on the the population that was not sentenced to prison.

Over the course of the last 11 years, I have increased the Judicial supervision of the cases with a much more proactive approach. Certain portions of the sentence are designed to help reduce the defendant's return to criminal behavior. After any portion of the local in custody punishment sanction or in patient treatment sanction of the sentence is completed, a greater focus is placed on looking at the individual needs the person may have that would allow for a more productive law abiding life. Attention is placed on, making mental health treatment a foundation if needed, linking the person to outside treatment providers that have case management services. As well as, additional emphasis is placed on educational needs and re engagement in learning either through the school system if eligible or through the GED program. The High Risk population remain in a Review status with the court seeing them monthly or sooner should behavior or relapse warrant. The part of the population with significant mental health issues that fall below hospitalization qualifications are often seen weekly by the court until they have established their contacts with their outside treatment providers and have been stabilized on mental health medications if necessary. The patterns and routines they establish with the court early on help them to remember their dates and schedules in smaller increments until patterns have been established.

Taking a more proactive approach has allowed me to react quickly in the event a relapse is beginning or a person is destabilizing in their mental health or new criminal behavior has occurred. Civil cases receive equal personal attention with the court being available for attorneys to address any discovery issues that are pending giving them quick access to the court allows for unnecessary delays to be avoided. This quick access to the court is beneficial to the parties and the attorneys.

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

I come to the bench with one of the most well rounded practice experiences of any Judge to take the local bench. Prior to completing law school I worked in a law firm research and writing legal briefs and documents. I subsequently clerked for a Judge at Toledo Municipal Court. I was the Supervising Law Clerk for the court for several years overseeing the scheduling and training of the Law Clerks. I became well versed in the inner workings of the court and the corresponding departments. Immediately, out of Law School, I opened my own practice and began serving clientele on both Civil and Criminal matters. I had significant practice experience representing people in each court in Lucas County's jurisdiction and outlying Counties throughout Ohio. I was asked by several Judges while in practice to work on difficult cases that they felt needed greater attention.

Prior to taking the bench, I worked with a young runaway juvenile client where we engaged Federal authorities to assist in successfully taking down a multi-state Human Trafficking Organization. Throughout my practice I worked with a diverse clientele, and became well educated in the needs of the mentally ill, the intellectually deficient and the addicted population. I learned of resources that were available in the community and was able to direct my clients to proper resources to help stabilize their individual needs. These are tools and a skill set that I use daily as a Judge when issuing a community control sentence. I

managed a civil caseload in my own practice. I trained in Mediation skills prior to taking the bench and I use this skill on a daily basis working with the Civil case load in settlement conferences. Additionally, and less legal training connected, I stay connected to the community at all levels. I routinely speak in schools, to children of all ages. I speak to them with the hopes of preventing them from having contacts with the court. I try to stay abreast of the the new trends and drugs and issues our young people face. I work with many of the local treatment providers to learn what best will assist in the successful management of the people so that we don't waste resources. Lastly, I speak at engagements to empower young women, and co-ed classes to be the best versions of themselves whenever I have the opportunity.

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

I am running to continue to do the work I do for our community daily. The courtroom is run in an open and courteous manner to the public and practicing attorneys. I have worked hard to streamline systems both in the courtroom and other departments in order to seek the best use of more accurate information. I continue to learn in this job daily, I doubt there will ever be a day to say I know everything. I take this challenge of learning something new daily with excitement. I will continue to bring high energy and interest to this job. Over the course of the last 11 years, I have asked this question often when perplexed with a policy or procedure "why do we do it this way?" and in the beginning the answer was "because this is how we have always done it". Over the course of the years many of the policy and procedures have been changed. Change, is often met with resistance, but when the work can be looked at and the outcomes are better, change isn't always bad. I am working with a personal courtroom staff that gives this community a high level of work. They are courteous and energetic TEAM players, that are fully engaged in our mission. I believe the work we are putting in is directly benefiting our community as a whole. Working beside them in a TEAM environment has made the courtroom fully functioning and extremely efficient. My hope is that the community will see fit to allow me to continue my work. Thank you for the opportunity to provide this information. Should anyone in the community have questions or concerns, the office can be reached at 419-213-4567 or 4566.