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Endorsements: Stonewall Democrats of Central Ohio

Bar Association Ratings: http://www.cbalaw.org/CBA_PROD/Main/Resources/Resources_for_the_Public/Judicial_Election_Information/Main/Resources/Public/Judicial-Elections.aspx?hkey=6ea76aec-ed44-4539-b581-b24b77b8dbc0

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

January 8, 2008 to present Franklin County Court of Common Pleas General Division

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

When I was practicing law I had the opportunity to work as a prosecutor, a criminal defense lawyer, civil defense and civil plaintiff attorney. As a prosecutor I got to understand the difficulty experienced by victims moving through the system and worked hard not to victimize them a second time when dealing with their case. As a criminal defense attorney I represented defendants and was able to understand how intimidating and confusing it was for many of them to be in the "system." It was my responsibility to ensure that their rights were protected and to provide them information in a way that allowed them to make an informed decision on how to resolve their case.

In civil litigation I am under the pressures and stresses associated with defending a case when a suit has been filed against a person or company as well as pursuing a case in which a person believes they were wronged by an individual or company. Of course, understanding the law in all of these areas from a practical standpoint before I took the bench helped me tremendously. However, experiencing the many sides involved in litigation helped me to understand that the legal system is all about people. We as attorneys and judges are dealing with people in some of the most stressful times in their lives and it is our responsibility to make sure win or lose, the system worked.

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

In The Common Pleas Court we deal with some of the worst crimes that can be committed by a person. We also deal with people because of their situation or circumstances who commit crimes. The former group of criminals as a judge I need to decide an appropriate prison sentence to protect the public. The latter group as a judge I need to figure out the appropriate treatment, programs or classes that provide them the skills and tools to keep them from returning to the criminal justice system. In both situations justice is served.

In civil litigation we deal with cases in which the amount in controversy can be in the millions of dollars whether it involves the death of a family member because of the negligence of a person or company or a business dispute. Whether the case is large or small they are all important and require a judge to take every case seriously. When I was elected judge in 2007 I made a commitment to be the type of judge who when people walked out of my courtroom whether they won or lost, got what they wanted or not that they felt the system worked. I have tried to do that for the 11 1/2 years I have been on the bench. When elected because I knew I would be sending people to prison I visited several prisons in the state to see the type of programming that would be available for persons I would send there. For the last several years I have been the drug court judge for the common pleas court all in an effort to try to make a difference in the lives of those coming through our court system. It is for all of the reasons that I have provided that I am running again.