

## Stephen R. Bruns



**Office:** Preble County Common Pleas Court

**Age:** 60

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**Occupation:** Magistrate, Preble County Common Pleas Court

**Education:** J.D. from The Ohio State University College of Law

**Work Experience:** General Practice Attorney in Preble County since 1983; Magistrate, Preble County Common Pleas Court since 2009

**Family:** Married to Lisa Bruns, interior designer, chair of Preble County Board of Elections; two children, Andy, an attorney in San Francisco, and Molly, who works for the Holocaust Museum in Washington, DC.

**Affiliations:** Presently member of Ohio State Bar Association Council of Delegates, Preble County Council on Aging Board, Preble County Historical Society Board; Previously

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

I have practiced law in Preble County since 1983, handling all the types of cases that come before the Common Pleas Court. I have also had several leadership positions within the legal profession, including five terms as President of the Preble County Bar Association and 17 years of service as a representative to the Ohio State Bar Association's Council of Delegates.

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

I became a lawyer to fight for justice. For 35 years, I've worked to help people protect their livelihoods, their homes, and their families. Ten years ago, I had the honor of being named Magistrate of the Common Pleas Court, gaining crucial judicial experience presiding over civil, criminal, and domestic relations cases. As Judge, I will make Preble County a place where people know they will be treated fairly in Court and a place where criminals who would prey on our citizens know they should avoid. I've spent my entire life in Preble County. It's where my wife and I raised our children, the only place my parents lived during their 59-year marriage, and where my in-laws worked a farm that has been in their family for more than a century. This is our home, and I am committed to making it an even better and safer place to live. Over the years, I have given thousands of hours to organizations dedicated to helping Preble County children, senior citizens, and every age group in between. I've seen first-hand how many of our neighbors struggle. Some have been



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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.

### CONTACT US



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member of Eaton School Board, Preble  
County Board of Elections

**Endorsements:** N/A

**Bar Association Ratings:** N/A

**(1) List your judicial experience (courts and  
years)** Preble County Common Pleas Court  
Magistrate since January 1, 2009. Will be  
attending the National Judicial College's  
General Jurisdiction training program.

victims of crime, others just victims of bad  
luck. I want to do more to help them. My work  
as an attorney and magistrate and my service  
to this community have prepared me to  
continue to serve the people of Preble  
County as Judge of the Common Pleas Court.  
I ask for your vote in 2018.

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