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Family: Married with 2 daughters

Affiliations: Common Pleas Judge, Ohio State Bar Association, Cincinnati Bar Association, Volunteer Chaplain at The Christ Hospital, Methodist

Endorsements: N/A

Bar Association Ratings: N/A

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

I have been a Hamilton County Common Pleas Judge since December 16, 1996. I have been a Commercial Docket Judge with our court since 2008. I have presided over literally thousands of cases both civil and criminal.

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

I have been a practicing attorney since 1982. While in practice I handled both civil and criminal cases. Prior to becoming a Judge, I was both a prosecutor and criminal defense attorney. On civil cases, I represented both plaintiffs and defendants. This extensive experience in both civil and criminal practice has been helpful and necessary in making sure that the cases and the parties that come before me receive justice.

Since becoming a Judge, I have handled major civil and criminal cases. Since 2008 I have been a Judge on the Commercial Docket which handles complex business litigation. Through the Ohio Judicial College,

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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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I help teach other Ohio judges how to preside over Death Penalty Cases. I am a frequent speaker at Continuing Legal Education seminars for attorneys. I have been a Whiz Kids tutor at John P. Parker School in Madisonville working with underprivileged youth. I volunteered for 15 years at the Fernside Center for Grieving Children using the experience of my mother dying when I was 13 to help others with their loss. I have served on the Board of the Living Hope Transitional Home for Women as well as on the Board of the Friends of William Howard Taft National Park. I am a Volunteer Chaplain at The Christ Hospital and have served on the Missions Committee of my church. I have also mentored young lawyers through the Lawyer to Lawyer program of the Ohio Supreme Court. I have been a Judge in High School and College Mock Trial programs. I speak frequently to civic groups about the justice system. I am also a member of the Mariemont Civic association.

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

I believe in and have fought for the principle that our court system must be completely open and transparent. I intend to continue that effort. My extensive experience handling both civil and criminal cases helps ensure that all who come before me will receive a fair trial. The citizens of Hamilton County are entitled to no less. I have also fought for merit hiring on our court and will continue to do so. I enjoy being a trial judge. It is the best opportunity to make sure all of the citizens of Hamilton County receive justice. It has been a privilege to be able to do this work. I am proud to have been elected/re-elected by the voters of Hamilton County in 1998, 2000, 2006 and 2012. For criminal and civil cases, both sides are equally entitled to a fair trial. My experience helps make this happen in case after case. Knowledge of the Rules of Procedure and Rules of Evidence is critical to making sure all sides receive the fair trial to which they are entitled. In criminal cases, once there is a conviction, the victims of that crime are entitled to have input as to the defendant's sentence. Sometimes justice is best served by a prison sentence while at other times drug treatment or other programs are in the best interest of society. My experience helps when determining which resources will work best to protect society. My goal with non-violent criminal defendants is to work to get them out of the criminal justice system and working. I am proud our court has a Drug Court, a Mental Health Court and a Veterans Court to work with the people who come before us and I utilize those resources whenever possible. I have worked for our court to have neighborhood probation substations to supervise probationers and help people succeed and find out quickly when they are not succeeding. For the violent predators that come before me, prison is the best and frequently the only solution to protect society. Both civil and criminal cases need to be resolved as quickly and fairly as possible. There is no reason for a case that should be completed in 2 months to take 2 years. I work hard to make sure those cases that can be resolved quickly are resolved quickly. Delays cost everyone and needless delays are not acceptable.