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Endorsements: Hamilton County Democratic Party

Bar Association Ratings: N/A

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

First-time candidate.

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

I have been a trial attorney litigating civil cases since serving as a law clerk in the Hamilton County court system. I have successfully tried jury trial cases in Hamilton, Butler, and Clermont counties and in our

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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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federal district court. I have appeared and argued in dozens of appeal cases, including in the Ohio Supreme Court and the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals. My first job after law school was as a civil law clerk for Judge John O'Connor in the Hamilton County Court of Common Pleas. I then worked as an associate attorney defending physicians, lawyers, engineers, and architects in civil cases. My experience in trial includes defending wrongful death, employment discrimination, catastrophic injury, and civil rights cases. In 2003, I left the private practice of law to become a trial attorney for the City of Cincinnati.

Since 2003, I have practiced in municipal law, serving as Chief Litigation Counsel for the City of Cincinnati, defending the City, its officials, and employees in state and federal court. From 2014-2015 I served as the interim City Solicitor directing a public law office of over 70 employees, including the City's prosecution, litigation, real estate, and economic development divisions. In 2015, I was named the Deputy City Solicitor to manage and direct the court divisions of litigation and prosecution. In a day as an assistant city solicitor, my work is as varied as defending cases in a small claims court to litigating multi-million dollar cases and alternative dispute resolution proceedings in both the common pleas court and the federal district court. I have also worked on nontraditional mediation proceedings involving the City's police department, its pension system, its health department, and its infrastructure. As an adjunct professor of law at the University of Cincinnati, I have the privilege to instruct second and third-year law students about local government, trial persuasion, and advocacy.

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

I am running for judge to increase the legitimacy of justice in Hamilton County. As a former law clerk and current trial practitioner, I have unique insight into the quality of justice in Hamilton County. I propose three reforms that will increase the quality of justice for our citizens. First, the court should adopt reforms that increase the depth of the jury pool in criminal and civil trials. Currently, the court only uses registered voters as its source for the jury roll. I believe the court should use both the registered voter list and the registered driver's license list to increase the number of people who serve on juries. Fundamentally, the courts should be about preserving the constitutional right to a jury trial and assuring that all people have access to a jury of their peers. Second, the court, in cooperation with the clerk's office, should aggregate and make available sentencing and other court statistics to make the decisions in each courtroom more transparent. The public should have access to simple and usable sets of data that allows people to understand sentencing fairness for both defendants and victims of crime. On the civil side, people should have easy access to court statistics that demonstrate the likelihood of summary dismissal, bench or jury trial, and how long their case will take. Third, the court and the Hamilton County jail are currently ill-equipped to deal with the opioid crisis that is a daily challenge for our local governments and first responders. Rather than repeat the current system of "catch and release," I believe our common pleas court has a role to play in transforming Hamilton County into a "catch and cure" jurisdiction. By partnering with existing community control models and treatment facilities, our courts should be a place to help solve the drug crisis in both our urban and suburban neighborhoods. Finally, I think competition is good for our elected officials. No elected official should be unopposed on the ballot when democracy depends on different ideas to get different results.

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