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Occupation: Judge, Summit County Court of Common Pleas, General Division

Education: Hiram College, BA, Magna Cum Laude 1986; The Ohio State University College of Law, JD, 1989.

Work Experience: Common Pleas Judge, both General and Probate Divisions, Municipal Court Judge, Attorney for more than 25 years and Pastor at The Chapel.

Family: Married to Bethany and we have two teenage children.

Affiliations: Trustee, Akron Bar Association; Member and Former Chair of the Trustee Board at The Chapel; Board Member of Faithful Servants Free Medical Clinic; Former Trustee Akron Area YMCA.

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

Seeking re-election to my current position as Judge of the Summit County Court of Common Pleas, General Division, first elected in 2014. Served as Judge of the Barberton Municipal Court working on a wide range of criminal misdemeanors, traffic offenses and civil matters (2014) Also served as Judge of the Summit County Court of Common Pleas, Probate Division (2011-2012). For my work there, I received the Liberty Bell Award from the Akron Bar Association for the Summit County Good Deeds Project, helping residents identify probate assets and encouraging simple deed corrections to transfer property outside of the probate process.

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

I served in federal court as a Judicial Law Clerk to the Honorable David D. Dowd, Jr., U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Ohio, from 1989-1991 and again from 2005-2007. Working in chambers with Judge Dowd on complex civil and criminal matters was strong training for my current work as a Common Pleas Judge. As an attorney for more than 25 years, I have worked in small, medium and large law firms, with practice areas including litigation, labor and employment, general practice and estate planning and probate. These diverse experiences equip me to deal with the diverse cases that are presented on my current criminal and civil dockets. Finally, my work as a Pastor while on staff at The Chapel in Akron & Green (1994-2007) helped me to better understand our community as I was responsible for working with local ministries and outreaches to the different groups in our area, especially

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the poor, disabled and local immigrant communities. Our work on racial reconciliation issues led to me being named co-winner of the Pastor Knute Larson and Dr. Ronald Fowler ALLIES Award in 2013.

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

As I seek re-election as judge, I know very well the demands of the position. My past judicial experiences well prepared me for the difficult criminal and civil matter we address. But most importantly, I am running for re-election because I believe the work I do every day as the judge in this position best qualifies me to serve our community in this important work. My goal continues to be to treat each person with respect and to promptly address the cases entrusted to me. I take seriously my oath when I became the judge in this court to do equal justice under law and to uphold the Constitution of the United States and the Ohio Constitution. My goals for the future are to train to become a specialty court judge, either for a drug court or re-entry court, and to better engage the community to provide answers for the problems we face. We face a crisis in terms of the number of drug addicted people before our courts and we keeping working at our response, with treatment, with intensive supervision, with confinement when necessary to protect the public and sometimes to save a person's life. I am constantly in training to better respond to these types of cases. I am seeking re-election to this seat in order to continue to do this difficult but important work.

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