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## Feedback via the Judicial Candidate Survey 2020 [#62]

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Position and District Sought\*: Judge, Hamilton County Court of Common Pleas, General Division

Are you an incumbent for this office?\*: YES

Have you previously held an elected position?\*: YES

: Judge, Hamilton County Court of Domestic Relations 1991-1995  
Judge, Hamilton County Court of Common Pleas 1995-2006  
Judge, Hamilton County Court of Appeals (1st District) 2007-2015  
Judge, Hamilton County Court of Common Pleas 2015-present

: I am seeking the endorsement of the Right to Life of Greater Cincinnati. I am extremely honored to have received their endorsement many times in the past.

: 1. Follow the law.  
2. Seek justice.

1. Which former U.S. president's political philosophy best matches your own?: Ronald Reagan

Comments - Question 1:

2. Which U.S. Supreme Court Justice's legal philosophy best matches your own?: Justice Thomas

Comments - Question 2:

3. Rate your judicial philosophy regarding the U.S. Constitution on a scale of 1-10 with "living/evolving document" being 1 and "strict

constructionist” being a 10:: 10

Comments - Question 3:

4. In Roe v. Wade, 410 U.S. 113 (1973), the U.S. Supreme Court recognized a “right to privacy” under the Constitution that includes abortion. The Constitution does not include this right.: Agree

Comments - Question 4: The United States Constitution does not specifically state or indicate a right to privacy as was found to exist in Roe v. Wade.

5. Judges should refrain from “legislating from the bench.” The translation of public policy into law and the creation, extension, modification or limitation of citizens’ rights (and governmental authority) are properly within the province of the legislative, not judicial, branch of government.: Agree

Comments - Question 5: I absolutely agree.

6. An unborn child is biologically human at every stage of his or her biological development, beginning at fertilization.: Agree

Comments - Question 6: I absolutely agree.

7. The law should be applied to pro-life demonstrators in the same manner as is applied to environmental, anti-war and labor demonstrators.: Agree

Comments - Question 7:

8. There is no provision in the current Ohio Constitution intended to require the use of public funds for abortion.:

Comments - Question 8: I must respectfully decline to answer as this issue may come before the court.

9. The judiciary does not possess the authority to expand the definition of marriage to include anything but one man and one woman.: Agree

Comments - Question 9:

10. The law protects individuals’ and organizations’ rights of conscience from being forced to participate in abortion or other practices contrary to their moral or religious convictions.: Agree

Comments - Question 10:

11. Laws, regulations, or ordinances that restrict individuals’ and organizations’ rights of conscience are unconstitutional.: Undecided

Comments - Question 11: The unconstitutional aspect of the statement causes some concern. There are valid laws that restrict right of conscience.

12. Laws that require businesses or religious organizations to work for or provide services to gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender persons despite these entities’ religious or moral objections are unconstitutional.: Agree

Comments - Question 12:

13. List all organizations to which you have contributed time or money in the past four years.: To comply with this request would be extremely burdensome. I would be willing to meet with a representative of Right to

Life and show the person the organizations. I can say the top ones are Our Lady of Lourdes Church & School, Elder High School, and various Republican organizations. I have never contributed to a pro-abortion organization.