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Position and District Sought*: Justice on the Supreme Court of Ohio

Are you an incumbent for this office?*: YES

Have you previously held an elected position?*: YES

: Butler County Court of Common Pleas Court, Domestic Relations Division
Judge

: I have received the following endorsements:

Ohio Manufacturers Association, Buckeye Firearms Association, Ohio Republican Party, Brown County Republican Party, Clermont County Republican Party, Coshocton County Republican Party, Franklin County Republican Party, Geauga County Republican Party

I am seeking endorsements from the following organizations:

All county GOPs, Ohio Right to Life, various union organizations, regional right to life organizations, and more.

: My first priority is to ensure this position remains with an individual committed to judicial restraint. Our Ohio voters elect our State Legislature to write our laws and they elect Justices of the Supreme Court of Ohio to apply that law as it is written, not to legislate from the bench. When I put on that black robe, I am protecting the law from inner self, as it is my duty to serve Ohioans in a fair and impartial manner.

My second priority is to continue my work on specialized dockets, namely, Lean Forward: Advancing Veterans Treatment Courts Across Ohio. This initiative seeks to educate criminal justice partners on the veterans RE-entry Service System and the treatment regimens available to help heal the invisible wounds of war.

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

Comments - Question 1: Since President Trump is not a former President, I would choose President Ronald Reagan.

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

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 Supreme Court decided a fundamental right to privacy that includes the right of a woman to choose whether or not to have an abortion under the due process clause of the 14th Amendment.

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:

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

Comments - Question 6:

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.: Agree

Comments - Question 8: There is no provision written or currently interrupted as providing public funds for abortion.

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

Comments - Question 9: The United States Supreme Court has decided in James Obergefell, et al., Petitioners v. Richard Hodges, Director, Ohio Department of Health, et al. that same sex couples have a fundamental right to marry under the due process and equal protection clauses of the 14th Amendment. This is the law in the United States.

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: While I am unclear of the question, our fundamental liberty and rights come from our Creator. Our founding documents, The Declaration of Independence and the United States Constitution, place a boundary on the power of government, not the people.

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.:

Comments - Question 12: The United States Supreme Court has held in *Masterpiece Cakeshop v. Colorado Civil Rights Commission* that the commission failed to properly employ religious neutrality in violation of the cake shop's owners rights to the free exercise of religion. The United States Supreme Court left unanswered the broader question of whether the commission's rules violated free speech and the free exercise clause.

13. List all organizations to which you have contributed time or money in the past four years.: I have donated to Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church, Little Sisters of the Poor, West Chester/Liberty Boys and Girls Club, Save A Warrior, Calvary United Methodist Church, Esther Brocker Scholarship Fund and more.