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Position and District Sought*: Judge, Hamilton County Common Pleas Court; Domestic Relations division

Are you an incumbent for this office?: YES

Have you previously held an elected position?: YES

: Judge Hamilton County Domestic Relations Court, appointed May, 2014 and then elected in November, 2014

: Greater Cincinnati RTL;
FOP Lodge #69;
Firefighters of Cincinnati;
UAW; AFL-CIO Labor Council; Plumbers and Pipefitters; Building Trades Council

: 1. Follow the law as written; no more, no less.
2. Treat all persons who enter my courtroom with the respect and dignity all people deserve, thereby serving as a role model and leader in the courtroom demonstrating the highest professionalism and dignity towards attorneys and litigants.

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?: the late Justice Scalia

Comments - Question 2: The late Justice Scalia's philosophy and adherence to

Constitutional principles are aligned with my own, I am honored to write.

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.: 9

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:

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: This is a fundamental core belief of mine, in which I do not waver.

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:

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

Comments - Question 9: While I was required to select one of the above options, I would preferred to have answered "Unable to answer", because the United States Supreme Court has recently spoken directly on this issue in the 2015 Obergefell vs. Hodges decision and the Ohio Judicial Code of Ethics Canon 4 prohibits me as a judge to make public comment or suggest any impartiality. I will not publicly state my personal beliefs on biblical marriage as this question has been determined by the highest court in the land.

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.: Agree

Comments - Question 11:

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: George Washington, in 1789, wrote in a letter to the Quakers that the only entity to whom people owe an explanation for their religious beliefs is God; he wrote that "liberty of conscience" is among the choicest of the blessings and rights we enjoy as Americans.

I stand with President George Washington.

13. List all organizations to which you have contributed time or money in the past four years.: RTL; Greater Cincinnati

Franciscans, St. John Province and St. Anthony Shrine and Friary

Great Parks Hamilton County and their Great Parks Forever Foundation

Reach Out Pregnancy Center

LifeSprings Church of Harrison, Ohio

PreventionFirst!

Talbert House

Pregnancy Center West

Special Olympics

Alzheimers Association