

Sheriff

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all record video and where allowed record audio. These are also reviewed.

Our web site has a link showing our active calls.

The jail section shows who is in jail and court dates etc.

I am accessible to all the citizens. I answer my own phone and emails.

Question #2: What are the top two issues facing the Wood County Jail and how will you address them?

Sheriffs operate 85% of the jails in our country. We are the number one provider of mental health care! Unfortunately, our society has allowed our jails to become mental hospitals. We do not have the proper medical facilities to deal with mental health inmates

and detoxing inmates. Inmates detoxing from opiates lasts several days.

My staff and I have been working with the commissioners on a design that will better accommodate inmates. Having our medical staff located near the booking

area with medical beds will make the nurses and medical staff more efficient. This design will accommodate HIPPA requirements which our current design does not.

Our number of inmates went down significantly during COVID -19 due to significantly fewer arrests

county wide. Prior to COVID -19 we were short female beds. Our expansion design allowed for female beds being laid out more efficiently. Hoping some of the changes due to COVID -19 may delay or eliminate the need for the bed expansion project.

NON-CONTESTED RACES

Wood County Clerk of Common Pleas Court

Term Commencing January 4, 2021

Term of Office: 4 years

Salary: \$67,525
Responsibilities: To enter judgments and collect court costs for appellate and common pleas courts, and also to issue and transfer automobile and water craft certificates of title.

Candidate: Douglas Cubberley, Republican
Wood County Commissioner

Term Commencing January 2, 2021

Term of Office: 4 years

Salary: \$72,346
Responsibilities: To exercise financial control of County expenditures; to authorize public works; to purchase land and buildings; to let contracts; to plan and administer welfare. The Board of County Commissioners also appoints other officials to operate various departments.

Candidate: Craig LaHote, Republican
Wood County Coroner

Term Commencing January 4, 2021

Term of Office: 4 years

Salary: \$56,458
Responsibilities: To determine the cause of death of persons dying in a violent or suspicious manner and to issue death certificates.

Candidate: Douglas Hess, Republican
Wood County Engineer

Term Commencing January 4, 2021

Term of Office: 4 years

Salary: \$104,950
Responsibilities: To oversee the construction, maintenance,

and repair of all bridges in the county, and of county roads and other public improvements except buildings in the county.

Candidate: John M. Musteric, Republican
Wood County Prosecuting Attorney

Term Commencing January 4, 2021

Term of Office: 4 years

Salary: \$140,638
Responsibilities: To investigate and prosecute crimes committed within the county, to defend the county in court, and to give legal advice to county agencies and townships.

Candidate: Paul Dobson, Republican
Wood County Treasurer

Term Commencing September 6, 2021

Term of Office: 4 years

Salary: \$67,525
Responsibilities: To collect taxes in the county and its subdivisions, disburse expenditures, and invest the county's funds.

Candidate: Jane Spoerl, Republican
Ohio Judge of Court of Appeals District 6

Term Commencing February 9, 2021

Term of Office: 6 years

Salary: \$152,850
Responsibilities: The Court of Appeals is essentially a Court of Review. It hears appeals from the Common Pleas, County, and Municipal Courts. Decisions are final except in cases involving constitutional questions, cases of felony, cases in which it has original jurisdiction, and cases of public or great general interest.

Candidate: Thomas Osowik

JUSTICE OF THE OHIO SUPREME COURT

Term Commencing January 1, 2021

Term of Office: 6 years
Salary: \$164,000

Responsibilities: Hears all cases involving questions arising under the Ohio Constitution or statutes; hears appeals from Courts of Appeals decisions. The Supreme Court's decisions are final except in cases involving the U.S. Constitution, statutes, or treaties.

Sharon L. Kennedy
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Occupation: Ohio Supreme Court Justice
Education: Juris Doctor, University of Cincinnati, College of Law 1991; Bachelor Degree of Social Work, University of Cincinnati, School of Social Work, 1984

Work Experience: Justice, Supreme Court of Ohio, 2012-Present; Administrative Judge/Judge, Butler County Common Pleas Court, Domestic Relations Division, 1999-2012; Attorney at Law, General Practice, 1991-1998; Magistrate & Warrant Officer, Butler County Area Courts, 1995-1998; Warrant & Compliance Officer, Butler County Juvenile Court, 1996-1997; Special Counsel, Ohio Attorney General Betty D. Montgomery, 1995-1998; Disciplinary Counsel, Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge 38, 1991-1998; Director, Victim/Witness Division, Butler County Court of Common Pleas, 1989-1991; Law Clerk for the Honorable Matthew J. Crehan, Judge, Butler County Court of Common Pleas, 1989-1991; Police Officer, Hamilton Police Department, 1985-1989

Justice, Supreme Court of Ohio, 2012

What about your non-judicial legal experience qualifies you to be a judge? My non-judicial experience informs my judicial experience and I draw upon that experience everyday as a justice at the Supreme Court of Ohio.

I began my career in the justice system as a police officer in the City of Hamilton enforcing the law and keeping the peace. I left law enforcement to attend law school

and served as a law clerk in the Court of Common Pleas, General Division for Judge Matthew J. Crehan drafting memos and opinions for motions to dismiss and motions for summary judgment.

Serving as a solo practitioner, I practiced law in a wide-array of areas including, but not limited to, criminal, domestic relations, probate, and juvenile in both the trial courts of Butler County and the Twelfth District Court of Appeals. During that time I also served as Special Counsel for Attorney General, Betty D. Montgomery and a part-time Magistrate in the Butler County Area Courts hearing civil cases.

In 2019 the docket of the Ohio Supreme Court of Ohio included the following case types: 48.8% criminal; 21.8% miscellaneous; 17.5% civil; 7% practice of law; 4.9% domestic relations, juvenile, and probate

John P. O'Donnell
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Occupation: Judge, Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas, General Division
Education: Cleveland St. Joseph High School, Miami (O.) University, Cleveland Marshall College of Law

Work Experience: Legal work experience: Civil trial attorney 1993-2002 and 2005-2007; Judge, 2002-2005 and 2007-present.

Question: What about your non-judicial legal experience qualifies you to be a judge?

I was a civil trial attorney who was in court almost every working day for approximately 10 years.

Term Commencing January 2, 2021

Term of Office: 6 years
Salary: \$164,000

Responsibilities: Hears all cases involving questions arising under the Ohio Constitution or statutes; hears appeals from Courts of Appeals



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Jennifer Brunner
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Education: J.D. Capital University Law School, Order of the Curia; B.S. Sociology-Gerontology, Miami University, Cum Laude

Work Experience: Court of Appeals Judge since 2014; 17 years private law practice, during period of 1987 through 2014 when not in elected public service (founded what was initially home-based law firm in 1988 with 3 small children at home); USAID Rule of Law Expert for 4 engagements in Republic of Serbia on Judicial Reform and Government Accountability (anti-corruption) and 1 engagement in Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, all during period of 2012-2015; (Go to www.JudicialVotesCount.org for remainder of Work Experience.)

Question: What about your non-judicial legal experience qualifies you to be a judge?

My 17 years private practice experience with people from all walks of life has helped me better understand how the law affects people, in a wide variety of life situations. To be a lawyer is a calling to serve society and to uphold and protect the rule of law. I have worked for clients ranging from economically disadvantaged single mothers to one who was running for president (Jerry Brown in 1992).

My private law practice experience includes trial and appellate work for clients in common pleas courts in Franklin, Cuyahoga, Licking, Fairfield, Carroll, Mahoning and Hamilton Counties;

in appellate courts in the Tenth, Third, Eighth, Fifth, First, Second and Sixth District Courts of Appeals; the Ohio Supreme Court; United States District Courts (Northern and Southern Districts of Ohio); Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals; and am admitted to practice before the United States Supreme Court. I have represented clients in administrative proceedings before numerous state and local boards, served as a special prosecutor for election fraud and as a hearing officer for the Ohio Department of Natural Resources.

In 2011, I drafted a statewide referendum petition for a coalition of voting rights activists, labor organizations, state and local political party organizations and faith-based and other nonprofit organizations who gathered more than 400,000 petition signatures to place voting rights referendum on statewide ballot; in 2012-2013 I developed a multi-state and federal executive agency government affairs practice (Go to www.JudicialVotesCount.org for remainder of response and more Q&A with this candidate.)

Judith L. French
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Education: B.A. (Political Science); M.A. (History); J.D. (Law with honors), The Ohio State University

Work Experience: Justice, Ohio Supreme Court (2013-present); Judge, Tenth District Court of Appeals (2004-2012); Chief Legal Counsel to the Ohio Governor (2002-2004); Assistant Attorney General/Chief Counsel to the Attorney General of Ohio (1997-2002); Chief Legal Counsel, Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (1993-1997); Associate Counsel, Steelcase, Inc. (1993); Associate, Porter Wright Law Firm (1988-1993).

Question: What about your non-judicial legal experience qualifies you to be a judge?

For more than two decades, I have dedicated

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Recorder, should always be accountable to the public. To that end, any actions recommended to the office as the result of an evaluation should be made readily available to the public. Public response to the recommendations should be welcomed,

Any actions taken based on the evaluation should take into consideration the recommendations of the evaluator, the public and those office personnel that work with the public on a day-to-day basis. Periodic testing of security measures in place will ensure that such measures are up to date with advances/changes in technology.

OHIO JUDGE OF COURT OF APPEALS DISTRICT 6

Term Commencing February 10, 2021

Term of Office: 6 years
Salary: \$152,850

Responsibilities: The Court of Appeals is essentially a Court of Review. It hears appeals from the Common Pleas, County, and Municipal Courts. Decisions are final except in cases involving constitutional questions, cases of felony, cases in which it has original jurisdiction, and cases of public or great general interest.

Myron C. Duhart
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Education: LL.M. Duke University School of Law, JD University of Toledo College of Law, BA Wright State Univer-

sity, Harvard Kennedy School of Government Executive Education

Work Experience: Lucas County Common Pleas Court General Division - Commercial Docket

Question: What about your non-judicial legal experience qualifies you to be a judge?

While serving my country I earned a B.A. in Political Science from Wright State University Dayton, Ohio and went onto receive a J.D. from the University of Toledo College of Law. In 2018 I received a LL.M. in judicial studies from Duke University School of Law and I attended the Harvard Kennedy School of Government in 2014. Also I serve as an adjunct lecturer in law at the University of Toledo Col-

lege of Law where I teach trial practice.

Prior to judicial service, I clerked for the Honorable Robert W. Penn and was in private practice for many years in the areas of business litigation, criminal law and personal injury. Throughout my legal career, I have litigated a number of high profile criminal cases all over northwest Ohio and was one of a select cadre of attorneys certified by the State of Ohio to handle death penalty cases. I have been admitted to practice in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Ohio, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit and the United States Supreme Court.

(Go to www.JudicialVotesCount.org for more Q&A with this candidate.)

Charles Sulek

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Education: J.D. from Capital University Law School; B.A. in Political Science from The Ohio State University

Work Experience: Civil litigation attorney; Judicial Attorney at the Ohio Supreme Court; Attorney Rules Analyst for the Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review

Question: What about your non-judicial legal experience qualifies you to be a judge?

I received an undergraduate degree from The Ohio State University and earned

my law degree from Capital University School of Law. I am a litigation attorney at the law firm of Eastman & Smith, Ltd. in Toledo, Ohio, where I advocate on behalf of clients in trial and appellate courts throughout Ohio. I also worked as a Judicial Attorney at the Ohio Supreme Court for retired Justice Terrence O'Donnell.

This position allowed me to gain in-depth knowledge of the appellate process. Additionally, I worked as an Attorney Rules Analyst for the Ohio General Assembly's Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review (JCARR), which is responsible for reviewing proposed rules from over 100 state agencies.

(Go to www.JudicialVotesCount.org for more Q&A with this candidate.)