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Name*: Anthony Brock

Phone*: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Web Site:

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Position and District Sought*: Judge - Clermont County Common Pleas Court, General Division

Are you an incumbent for this office?: YES

Have you previously held an elected position?: YES

: Clermont County Republican Central Committee, 1998-2006
 Clermont County Municipal Court Judge, 2007-2016
 Clermont County Court of Common Pleas, General Division Judge, 2017-present

: Clermont County Republican Party - received endorsement
 Cincinnati Right to Life PAC - seeking endorsement
 Fraternal Order of Police, Ohio Valley Lodge #112 - received endorsement

: To preserve, protect, and uphold the Constitutions of the United States of America and the State of Ohio, and to administer justice fairly and impartially to all.

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: Like the late Justice Scalia, I am a strict constructionist. I admired his ability and willingness to point out the tortured logic used by others to create rights or powers that were not set forth in the Constitution by our founding fathers.

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: However, I am ethically required as a Judge to apply the law as it exists, without regard to my personal beliefs.

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: The role of the judiciary is not to make laws, but to interpret and apply the Constitution and the statutes passed by the legislative branch.

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 it is applied to environmental, anti-war and labor demonstrators.: Agree

Comments - Question 7: The law must be applied equally to all, regardless of their religious, political, or social beliefs.

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.: Agree

Comments - Question 9: However, I am ethically obligated to follow the law as it currently exists, and I must follow Supreme Court precedent, including the *Obergefell* decision.

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: As a Common Pleas Judge, I may be called upon to rule on the constitutionality of laws where such arguments are made. Therefore, I am ethically prohibited from commenting on the issue. Accordingly, my response is "undecided".

12. List all organizations to which you have contributed time or money in the past four years.: Withamsville Church of Christ

Clermont County Republican Party
Right to Life of Greater Cincinnati
National Rifle Association
Clermont County Special Olympics
Wounded Warriors Project
Midwestern Children's Home
Clermont County Township Assn.

Clermont County Senior Services
Hanover College Women's Soccer Program
JB Covert Lodge #437, F.&A.M.