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Name*: Chris McDowell

Phone*: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Web Site:

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Position and District Sought*: Hamilton County Common Pleas Judge

Are you an incumbent for this office?: NO

Have you previously held an elected position?: NO

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: Keeping dangerous criminals off the streets, and making Cincinnati and Hamilton County a safe place to live. Following the Ohio and Federal Constitutions and laws as written and not legislating from the bench.

1. Which former U.S. president's political philosophy best matches your own?: Donald J. Trump

Comments - Question 1: I believe in America first, a strong military, and creating jobs and prosperity for all citizens. I believe in bringing manufacturing jobs back to this country and not sending our jobs overseas. I believe in the sanctity of life. I also believe in freedom of religion, not freedom from religion, and the First Amendment right to speak your mind.

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

Comments - Question 2: I believe in the Constitution as written.

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:: 1

Comments - Question 3: If we do not follow the written Constitution, laws become nothing more than what judges think they should be, not what is actually written. Judges are elected or appointed to interpret laws, not make them; that is the job of the legislative branch of government, not the judicial branch of government.

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 word "privacy" does not appear in the Constitution.

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: Judges should interpret laws, not make them or legislate from the bench.

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

Comments - Question 6: Every child is a gift from God and life begins at conception.

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: All persons should be treated equally under the law.

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

Comments - Question 8: The same holds true for the U.S. Constitution.

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: Everyone should be treated with dignity and respect. New rights should not be created from thin air. There is a process to amend the Constitution and to pass laws, neither of which involves the judicial branch.

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: One of the founding ideas of this nation is freedom of religion. Many people came to this country in order to worship their God in the way they saw fit. It is wrong to force people to engage in activities that are against a strongly held true religious conviction. I am on the Hamilton County Selective Service Board (the Draft board [not currently active]). A large part of our training centers on the concept of not forcing people to serve in the military if military service would conflict with a strongly held religious conviction. Our nation has always recognized this belief.

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

Comments - Question 11:

12. List all organizations to which you have contributed time or money in the past four years.: Donald Trump for President, the National Rifle Association, Boy Scouts of America, Sons of the American Revolution.