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Name*: Judge Megan Shanahan

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Web Site: www.judgeshanahan.com

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Position and District Sought*: Hamilton County Common Pleas Judge, General Division

Are you an incumbent for this office?: YES

Have you previously held an elected position?: YES

: Precinct executive
Hamilton County Municipal Court Judge
Hamilton County Common Pleas Court Judge

: Right to Life of Greater Cincinnati
All local Fraternal Order of Police associations
The Hamilton County Republican Party

: Public safety
An independent judiciary

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:

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 it 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.:

Comments - Question 9: The United States Supreme Court decided in the *Obergefell* case 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 of 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.:

Comments - Question 11: The United States Supreme Court addressed a variation of this question in *Masterpiece Cake Shop v Colorado Civil Rights Commission*. The Court held that the Colorado Civil Rights Commission's actions in assessing a cake shop owners reasons for declining to make a cake for a same sex couple's wedding celebration violated the free exercise clause.

12. List all organizations to which you have contributed time or money in the past four years.: Pregnancy Center East
Right to Life of Greater Cincinnati
Matthew 25 ministries
Kenzies Closet
Dress for Success
Cincinnati State career closet
St. Mary School

