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Subject: Feedback via the Judicial Candidate Survey 2018 [#39]
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To: kbyrne@cincinnatiRighttoLife.org

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

Are you an incumbent for this office?: YES

Have you previously held an elected position?: NO

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: The Clermont County Republican Party has endorsed my candidacy.

: Making decisions that are constitutionally and statutorily correct and not simple politically correct. Administering justice in a lawful, fair, and impartial manner, regardless of who may be before me.

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.: Undecided

Comments - Question 4: This decision remains the law of the land and I am bound to follow it.

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

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 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.: Undecided

Comments - Question 8: This is an issue that could come before me. The Ohio Code of Judicial Conduct precludes a judge or judicial candidate from expressing an opinion of how she or he may rule in a case in advance of such a case actually being before the court.

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: This issue has been determined by the U.S. Supreme Court in Obergefell v. Hodges and I am bound to follow it.

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.: Undecided

Comments - Question 10: I am bound to follow the precedential decisions of the courts superior to the Clermont County Common Pleas Court, which are: the 12th District Court of Appeals in Ohio, the Ohio Supreme Court and the United States Supreme Court. To the extent that this issue has been decided by any of these courts, I must follow these decisions. Again, as I stated in my response to No. 8, I cannot express an opinion of how I may rule regarding this issue until it may actually come before me.

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

Comments - Question 11: Please refer to my answer to No. 10.

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.: Undecided

Comments - Question 12: Please refer to my answer for No. 10.

13. List all organizations to which you have contributed time or money in the past four years.: Matthew 25 Ministries, Goodwill, Crayons to Computers, St. Veronica School non-profit organizations, Steps for Sarcoma, The James, Children's Hospital, Chase Law School

