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Name\*: Judge Stephen Powell

Phone\*: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Web Site:

Facebook URL:

Position and District Sought\*: Judge Ohio Court of Appeals, 12th District

Are you an incumbent for this office?: YES

Have you previously held an elected position?: YES

: '79-'88 Trustee West Chester Township, Butler County, OH  
'88-'90 Judge County Court, Butler County, OH  
'90-'94 Judge Probate Court, Butler County, OH  
'94-present Judge Ohio Court of Appeals, 12th District

: None at this time as to this year's election.

: Apply our laws and Constitution as written.  
Not legislate from the Bench

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: But I am constrained to follow the Supreme Court's ruling until they reverse themselves.

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: My faith is Catholic. In that faith, Life begins at conception.

Science says our DNA, the code of life, is established at conception.

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.: 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.: Undecided

Comments - Question 9: I am Catholic. In my faith, God gives us free will and will Judge us on how we use that gift. My oath of office compels me to follow Obergefell until such time as the US Supreme Court revisits that interpretation of the 14th Amendment.

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: This issue may come before me.

Religious beliefs are the first of the First Amendment rights we citizens reserved unto ourselves in our Constitution. But you must first have life to enjoy that or any right.

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

Comments - Question 11: This issue may come before me and may turn on the Mullins case.

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: This issue may come before me and turns on the Mullins case.

13. List all organizations to which you have contributed time or money in the past four years.: Catholic Church  
West Chester Community Foundation  
Republican Party and Candidates  
FOP  
NRA  
American Heart Association  
American Cancer Society  
Hospice

