

JUDICIAL CANDIDATES RATING COALITION
REQUEST FOR BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION
FROM JUDICIAL CANDIDATES

This form seeks information about you that will be posted on the Judge4Yourself.com website with its ratings. Please complete and return this form and a black and white photograph of yourself no later than **September 4, 2009**. Each Candidate is responsible to provide accurate information, to review the information when posted and to advise the JCRC promptly of any correction required to that candidate's posted information.

Name: Michelle Denise Earley

Current City of Residence: Cleveland Date and Place of Birth: March 30, 1974 – Massillon, Ohio

Undergraduate School and Degree (Year of Graduation): The Ohio State University-BS in Business Administration (1999)

Law School (Year of Graduation): Case Western Reserve University, School of Law

Other Graduate School, if any, and Degree (Year of Graduation): _____

Year Admitted to Practice in Ohio: 1999 Number of Years Engaged in Practice of Law in Ohio 9 1/2
(excluding Judicial Service)

Other Court(s) to Which
You Are Admitted & Year(s): N/A

Number of Years Engaged in Practice of Law in any State (excluding Judicial Service): 9 1/2

Briefly describe your areas of practice: Currently I am a judge. Prior to becoming a Judge, the general nature of my legal practice was criminal litigation but I have had the opportunity to obtain experience in other areas of law.

Summarize your experience, if any, before the court to which you seek election: As previously stated, I am a former assistant county prosecutor. Over 60% of the criminal cases come from the City of Cleveland. An Assistant County Prosecutor does the initial appearances and preliminary hearings in Cleveland Municipal Court. That prosecutor reported directly to me. As Grand Jury Supervisor, I closely monitored the Cleveland Municipal Court System processes, as any prolonged time a case spends in the Municipal System counts against the county prosecutor on the county level. Additionally, my unit processed a number of misdemeanor offenses that accompany a felony offense.

Service as judge in state or federal court of record (identify position, court and years of service): Judge-Cleveland Municipal Court

Current Position and Employer (number of years in this position): Judge-Cleveland Municipal Court (4 months)

Previous Employment and Dates: Cuyahoga County Prosecutor's Office (January 2000-April 2009)

List no more than five of your significant community or charitable activities:

Olivet Institutional Baptist Church: Member & Rites of Passage Teacher & Church Academy Guest Speaker on Law

Beulah Baptist Church Food Pantry Group: Volunteer (2007- present)

Children Defense Fund's Freedom School: Guest Speaker for High School and Middle School Youth

3Rs Program (teaching Constitutional Law to High School students through Legal Bar Association) Team Leader (08-09)

Ohio Center for Law Related Education Mock Trial Program: Presiding Volunteer Judge (2009)