

**JUDICIAL CANDIDATES RATING COALITION
REQUEST FOR BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION
FROM JUDICIAL CANDIDATES**

Name Laura J. Gallagher

Current City of Residence Strongsville, Ohio **Date and Place of Birth:** Greenville, Ohio 12/5/60

Undergraduate School and Degree (Year of Graduation): Miami University, B.A. , Political Science/Public Administration, cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa, 1983

Law School (year of Graduation) Case Western Reserve University School of Law, J.D., cum laude, 1986

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

Year Admitted to Practice in Ohio: 1986 **Number of Years Engaged in Practice of Law in Ohio** 22

Other Court(s) to which you are admitted and year(s):

Number of Years Engaged in Practice of Law in any State(excluding Judicial Service) 22 years

Briefly describe your areas of practice: I represent the Cuyahoga Support Enforcement Agency in their administrative and legal duties to establish paternity, and to establish and enforce child support. I also assist in representing the agency in cases wherein the agency is named a defendant in a civil suit.

Summarize your experience, if any, before the court to which you seek election: I was a magistrate for seven years in a court with Probate jurisdiction. More recently, I have appeared before the Probate Court in actions to determine parentage following the death of a putative father and I routinely assist guardians in obtaining child support.

Service as judge in state or federal court of record(identify position, court and years of service): I was a magistrate in the Medina County Court of Common Pleas, Juvenile and Probate Division from 1996 to 2003. During 2002-2003 I also served as Court Administrator for that Court.

Current Position and Employer (number of years in this position): I am the supervisor of the establishment/enforcement division of the Cuyahoga County Prosecutor's office. I supervise 16 attorneys under contract to provide legal services to the Cuyahoga Support Enforcement Agency. I have been in this position for five years.

Previous Employment and Dates: Magistrate, Medina County Court of Common Pleas, Juvenile and Probate Division, 1996-2003, Court Administrator for that Court 2002-2003
Assistant County Prosecutor, Medina County, 1990-1996
Assistant County Prosecutor, Cuyahoga County, 1987-1990

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

Active member, Church of St. John Neumann
Confirmation teacher and member of CORE (adult youth leader) for LifeTeen
Southwest Area Bar Association
Past membership chair, American Association of University Women