

**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 **June 18, 2008**. 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: Joseph D. Russo

Current City of Residence: Cleveland Heights

Date and Place of Birth: July 2, 1962, Cleveland, Ohio

Undergraduate School and Degree (Year of Graduation): Case Western Reserve University, 1985

Law School (Year of Graduation): Case Western Reserve University, 1991

Other Graduate School, if any, and Degree (Year of Graduation): None

Year Admitted to Practice in Ohio: 1991 Number of Years Engaged in Practice of Law in Ohio 9  
(excluding Judicial Service)

Other Court(s) to Which  
You Are Admitted & Year(s): None

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

Briefly describe your areas of practice: I specialized in Employment Discrimination Litigation, predominantly defending injured workers, along with a general practice in personal injury litigation and criminal law.

Summarize your experience, if any, before the court to which you seek election: I have filed briefs before the Ohio Supreme Court.

Service as judge in state or federal court of record (identify position, court and years of service): Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court Judge, General Division, January 2001 to Present.

Current Position and Employer (number of years in this position): Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court Judge, General Division, 7 ½ years, Adjunct Professor, Case Western Reserve University School of Law, 2 years.

Previous Employment and Dates: Law Offices of Joseph D. Russo, Co. L.P.A., 10/92 to 1/2001; Associate Attorney, Landskroner & Phillips Co., L.P.A., 3/91 to 10/92

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

Member, Cleveland Bar Association Minority Judicial Externship Program; Volunteer, Rape Crisis Center of Greater Cleveland; Volunteer, March of Dimes; Volunteer, Sts. Constantine and Helen Church; Judge, Various Mock Trial and Moot Court Competitions for Cleveland State University, Case Western Reserve University, and Cleveland Public Schools