

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: Michael J. Russo

Current City of Residence: Middleburg Heights Date and Place of Birth: October 5, 1955, Cleveland, OH

Undergraduate School and Degree (Year of Graduation): University of Dallas,, B.A. in Literature, 1978

Law School (Year of Graduation): Cleveland Marshall College of Law, Cleve. State Univ., 1985

Other Graduate School, if any, and Degree (Year of Graduation): Old Dominion Univ., M.A. in English, 1980

Year Admitted to Practice in Ohio: 1985 Number of Years Engaged in Practice of Law in Ohio since Nov., 1985
(excluding Judicial Service)

Other Court(s) to Which

You Are Admitted & Year(s): Ohio, 1985, U.S. District Court, N.D. of Ohio '85, U.S. Court of Appeals, 6th Circuit '90, Supreme Court of the United States '90

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

Briefly describe your areas of practice: I practiced criminal law as an Assistant County Prosecutor and civil litigation in private practice.

Summarize your experience, if any, before the court to which you seek election: I was a civil and criminal attorney in this court from 1985 until 2002. I have been a Common Pleas judge since Jan., 2003.

Service as judge in state or federal court of record (identify position, court and years of service): Cuyahoga County Common Pleas judge--General Division, 5 1/2 years

Current Position and Employer (number of years in this position): Judge, Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court, 5 1/2 years

Previous Employment and Dates: Ulmer & Berne , 7/90 to 12/02

Office of Cuyahoga County Prosecuting Attorney, 1/86 to 7/90

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

Greater Cleveland Drug Court Advisory Board, Ohio Community Corrections Advisory Board, Local Bar Associations