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Name: Marty Gelfand

Current City of Residence: South Euclid **Date and Place of Birth:** January 4, 1960, Cleveland, Ohio

Undergraduate School and Degree (Year of Graduation): St. John's College, Annapolis, Maryland, B.A., Liberal Arts, 1989

Law School (Year of Graduation): Case Western Reserve University, J.D., 1997

Military Service: U.S. Navy, Submarine Service, 1979-1985, Served aboard U.S.S. Bergall (SSN 667) 1980-85, Achieved the rank of Fire Control Technician 1st Class (Submarines) (E-6)

Year Admitted to Practice in Ohio: 1997

Number of Years Engaged in Practice of Law in Ohio: 20, as of November 2017.

Other Court(s) to Which You Are Admitted & Year(s): _____

Number of Years Engaged in Practice of Law in any State (excluding Judicial Service): 20, as of November 2017.

Briefly describe your areas of practice: Currently, I am practicing primarily criminal defense (felonies and misdemeanors) and family law, including Civil Protection Orders (exclusively victim side); custody; delinquency; abuse, neglect and dependency; Guardian ad Litem. I also have experience with civil practice, probate, housing, civil rights, and divorce. Previous to starting my private practice, I was U.S. Rep. Dennis Kucinich's legal counsel where I have experience representing him in major regional bankruptcies, including LTV Steel and Primary Health Systems (St. Michael and Richmond Heights Hospital); administrative agencies, including the Surface Transportation Board, U.S. Department of Defense, U.S. Department of Transportation, U.S. Department of Commerce, and other federal agencies.

Summarize your experience, if any, before the court to which you seek election: I have never practiced in the South Euclid Municipal Court. Prior to starting my private practice, I was elected to a seat on the South Euclid City Council where I oversee the court's budget and thus have a conflict of interest in representing parties before that court. In the last 5 years, however, I have practiced as retained and appointed counsel in the Berea, Bedford, Cleveland, Cleveland Heights, Euclid, Garfield Heights, Parma, Rocky River, Stow and Willoughby municipal court, as well as the Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas General, Domestic Relations, Juvenile, and Probate divisions, Geauga County Court of Common Pleas General and Juvenile divisions, and the Medina County Court of Common Pleas Domestic Relations division and the Federal District Court Northern District of Ohio, Federal District Court Southern District of Ohio, Federal Bankruptcy Court Northern District of Ohio (Akron, Cleveland and Youngstown) and Federal Bankruptcy Court in Wilmington, Delaware.

Service as judge in state or federal court of record (identify position, court and years of service): None

Current Position and Employer (number of years in this position): I am Attorney at Law and Principal of Gelfand Law, LLC, currently representing clients in criminal and family law matters. Previously, I also handled civil, civil rights, housing, probate, divorce, and government relations. As my criminal and family practice grew, I began to divest from the other areas.

Previous Employment and Dates:

U.S. House of Representative, Senior Counsel to U.S. Rep. Dennis Kucinich: 1997-2013;

Ulmer & Berne, Law Clerk/Summer Associate: 1996

CWRU Professor Wendy Wagner, Research Assistant: 1995-97

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Previous Employment and Dates (cont'd):

Research Director, Safe Energy Communication Council, Washington, DC: 1991-94

Canvasser and Policy Analyst, Clean Water Action, Washington, DC: 1989-91

Legislative Intern, Maryland General Assembly, State Senator Gerald Winegrad, Annapolis, Maryland: 1988

Geographic Analyst, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, Annapolis, Maryland: 1986-87

Field Service Engineer, CALCOMP, McLean, Virginia: 1985-86

Fire Control Technician (Submarines), U.S. Navy, Norfolk, Virginia: 1979-85

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

Founding Member and Former Board Member, Beth El-The Heights Synagogue, Cleveland Heights, Ohio

Sponsor and former Manager, South Euclid Youth Softball and Baseball Association

Board Member, Long Term Care Ombudsman, Northeast Ohio

Elected Member, 2014-15 South Euclid Decennial Charter Review Commission

Central Committee, Executive Committee, City Leader: Cuyahoga County Democratic Party