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**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 before your scheduled interview. 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: Ronald J.H O'Leary

Current City of Residence: Cleveland, Ohio Date and Place of Birth: October 7, 1970, Sidney, Ohio

Undergraduate School and Degree (Year of Graduation): Miami University, Oxford, Ohio; B.A. (1993)

Law School (Year of Graduation): Case Western Reserve University School of Law (1997)

Other Graduate School, if any, and Degree (Year of Graduation): Miami University, Oxford, Ohio; M.A. (1994)

Year Admitted to Practice in Ohio: 1997 Number of Years Engaged in Practice of Law in Ohio 9  
(excluding Judicial Service)

Other Court(s) to Which You Are

Admitted & Year(s): U.S. District Court, N.D. Ohio (1999) U.S. Court of Appeals (6<sup>th</sup> Cir.) (2002); and U.S. Supreme Court (2003)

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

Briefly describe your areas of practice: During my 18 year career, I have focused on improving the quality of Cleveland's neighborhoods through enforcement of the City code, state and federal laws. I currently am the Judge of the Housing Division of the Cleveland Municipal Court, where I hear criminal and civil cases involving enforcement of the City's Building, Housing, Health, Fire, Air Pollution, Zoning and Sidewalk codes, as well as civil cases involving real property and landlord/tenant relationships. In addition to hearing cases and rendering decisions, I supervise and review the decisions issued by the Court's six magistrates. Approximately 14,000 cases are filed in the Housing Court each year.

Summarize your experience, if any, before the court to which you seek election: I was Cleveland's Chief Assistant Director of Law for Code Enforcement 1999-2005, supervising and leading the prosecution of cases in the Cleveland Housing Court. I was Assistant Director of the Cleveland Dept. of Building and Housing 2006-2014, and Director of Building and Housing 2014-2017. In those positions, I oversaw the City's enforcement actions, including those in the Cleveland Housing Court.

Service as judge in state or federal court of record (identify position, court and years of service): Cleveland Municipal Court, Judge, September 2005 – December 2005.

Current Position and Employer (number of years in this position): I was appointed Judge of the Housing Division of the Cleveland Municipal Court in April 2017. That is the position to which I am seeking election.

Previous Employment and Dates: City of Cleveland, Department of Building and Housing, Asst. Director, 2006-2014; Director, 2014-2017; Case Western Reserve University School of Law, Adjunct Professor, 2006-2014; Buckingham, Doolittle & Burroughs, Associate Attorney, Jan. 2006-Oct. 2006; Cleveland Municipal Court, Judge Sept. 2005-Dec. 2005; City of Cleveland Department of Law, Assistant Prosecutor 1998-1999; Chief Assistant Director of Law, 1999-2005.

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

Most of my outside activities are with our daughters' school (Urban Community School in Ohio City,) our church—St. Patrick's on Bridge Avenue in Ohio City; our daughters' music instruction at the Cleveland Music School Settlement in University Circle; and our oldest daughter's theater performances at Near West Theater in Detroit Shoreway.

