

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 color 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: Karrie Howard

Current City of Residence: South Euclid Date and Place of Birth: 8 July 1976, Youngstown, Ohio

Undergraduate School and Degree (Year of Graduation): DeVry University (2002)

Law School (Year of Graduation): Cleveland-Marshall College of Law (2007)

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

Year Admitted to Practice in Ohio: 2007 Number of Years Engaged in Practice of Law in Ohio: 10 years
(excluding Judicial Service)

Other Court(s) to Which

You Are Admitted & Year(s): United States District Court, Northern District of Ohio (2010); Court of Appeals for the Air Force (2011); Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces (2011); Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals (2014).

Number of Years Engaged in Practice of Law in any State (excluding Judicial Service): 10

Briefly describe your areas of practice: I have been a career prosecutor since 2007. As a prosecutor, I have represented the City of Cleveland, Cuyahoga County and the United States in the criminal prosecution of local, state and federal laws. Since 2010, I have served as a JAG Officer in the Air Force Reserves. As a JAG, I advise senior military and civilian officials, service members and retirees and their dependents on any area of law wherein an issue arises. This general practice includes, but is not limited to, areas of law such as: contracts, tax, land use, consumer protection, criminal, estate planning, and military operations. Currently, I am a criminal defense attorney who provides quality legal representation to people accused of and charged with criminal violations.

Summarize your experience, if any, before the court to which you seek election: I worked as an Assistant Prosecuting Attorney for Cuyahoga County before transitioning to serving as an Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA) with the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Northern District of Ohio. I have tried complex criminal trials before both a jury and judge, as well having engaged in plea negotiations and motions practice. I have dealt with nearly every time of criminal offense that would come into the Court for disposition.

Service as judge in state or federal court of record (identify position, court and years of service): N/A

Current Position and Employer (number of years in this position): Currently, I am Counsel at the business litigation firm Thacker Robinson Zinz LPA, where my practice focuses on criminal defense.

Previous Employment and Dates: JAG Officer, Air Force Reserves (Jun. 2010 – Present); Counsel, Thacker Robinson Zinz LPA (Nov. 2017 – Present); Assistant United States Attorney, U.S. Attorney's Office for the Northern District of Ohio (Sept. 2014 – Nov. 2017); Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, Office of the Cuyahoga County Prosecutor (Mar. 2013 – Sept. 2014); Assistant Prosecutor, City of Cleveland (Dec. 2007 – Mar. 2013); Law Clerk, City of Cleveland's Magistrate Department (Aug. 2005 – July 2007).

List no more than five of your significant community or charitable activities: (1) I regularly mentor young people who come from similar a similar background to my own; (2) I have provided pro bono legal services to save homes from foreclosure; (3) I donate to causes that combat domestic violence, Alzheimer's, and poverty; and (4) I speak to students in high schools about being successful while overcoming adversity.