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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: Michael Rendon

Current City of Residence: Solon Date and Place of Birth: January 20, 1958, San Antonio, Texas

Undergraduate School and Degree (Year of Graduation): Rivier University, Bachelor of Science, Legal Studies, 1991

Law School (Year of Graduation): Cleveland Marshall College of Law, J.D., 2003

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

Year Admitted to Practice in Ohio: 2006 Number of Years Engaged in Practice of Law in Ohio: Eleven years
(excluding Judicial Service)

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

U.S. District Court, Northern District of Ohio (2007)
United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit (2007)
United States Supreme Court (2012)

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

Briefly describe your areas of practice:

In private practice, my clients have included individuals from various walks of life charged in both federal and state court with offenses such as kidnapping, sexual assault, drug trafficking, child pornography, fraud, theft, trafficking in counterfeit goods, and numerous other offenses. I also represent individuals as both plaintiffs and defendants in various civil cases, including employment and First Amendment cases. Finally, I represent individuals in immigration matters, both in the Federal Immigration Court and in criminal matters that may affect a client's legal status in the United States. My immigration clients have been primarily from the Hispanic community, where my ability to speak Spanish is a significant asset in establishing an effective attorney/client relationship.

Summarize your experience, if any, before the court to which you seek election:

I work daily in the Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas, General Division and have done so since retiring from the federal government in 2009; first as a Cuyahoga County Assistant Prosecuting Attorney and now as a private attorney handling both criminal and civil matters. I have a very successful trial record. I have tried to a verdict more than 30 criminal, civil and administrative matters. I also handle all aspects of pretrial work, supervised release and probation violations, sentencing hearings, and matters on appeal. As a result, I conduct almost daily pretrial conferences, have handled suppression hearings and argued numerous motions before the Court.

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):

Michael J. Rendon, LLC, Principal. Defense attorney and civil litigator, six years.

Previous Employment and Dates:

Cuyahoga County Prosecutor's Office, Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, May 4, 2009 – February 12, 2011; United States Attorney's Office, Special Assistant United States Attorney, Cleveland, Ohio, May 2007 – January 2009; United States Department of Homeland Security, Immigration & Customs Enforcement (ICE) (previously the Immigration and Naturalization Service) Cleveland, Ohio, Special Agent, August 1999 – April 2009; United States Department of Justice, Immigration & Naturalization Service, Hartford, Connecticut, Assistant Officer In Charge, October 1996 – February 1999; United States Department of Justice, Immigration & Naturalization Service, Special Agent, Boston, Massachusetts, July 1988 – October 1996; United States Department of Justice, Border Patrol Agent, El Paso, Texas, April 1984 – July 1988; United States Army, Active Duty Soldier, Giessen Germany, November 1975 – November 1978.

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

Legal Aid Society, Jam for Justice Performer and Brief Advice Clinic volunteer; Sing Out Chorale member for the Rape Crisis Center; Chair, SABE, Spanish Advisory Board for the Electorate, Cuyahoga County Board of Elections; Trinity Cathedral's Sunday Lunch Ministry soup kitchen volunteer; Hispanic Alliance Board Member.