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FROM JUDICIAL CANDIDATES

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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: Retanio Rucker

Current City of Residence: Euclid

Date and Place of Birth: June 25, 1959/Cleveland, Cuyahoga County, OH

High School and Degree (Year of Graduation): Saint Ignatius High School/High School Diploma (June 1977)

Undergraduate School and Degree (Year of Graduation): Ohio Wesleyan University/Bachelor of Arts/ June 1981

Law School (Year of Graduation): Cleveland State University, C/M/Law, December 1987

Other Graduate School, if any, and Degree (Year of Graduation): N/A

Year Admitted to Practice in Ohio: May 16, 1988 Number of Years Engaged in Practice of Law in Ohio (excluding Judicial Service): 20 years

Other Court(s) to Which You Are Admitted & Year(s): Response: U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit (December 16, 1998)/Federal District Court for the Northern District of Ohio (January 23, 1992)/Federal District Court for the Southern District of Ohio (July 25, 1991)

Number of Years Engaged in Practice of Law in any State (excluding Judicial Service): Response: N/A (I was, however, admitted pro hac vice in the State of Georgia relative to a domestic relations matter in either the late 1990s or the early 2000s.)

1. Briefly describe your areas of practice: Response: I am a trial attorney of thirty (30) years experience. I have handled administrative, civil, criminal and juvenile cases before administrative tribunals and at the municipal, common pleas, state court of appeals and Federal Northern and Southern District Court levels. I have also had the honor of arguing cases before the Ohio Supreme Court and the Federal Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals.

2. Summarize your experience, if any, before the court to which you seek election: Response: As a trial attorney, I have handled civil and criminal cases before the Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas, General Division. As a separate matter, I have also presented criminal cases to the Cuyahoga County Grand Jury at the General Division level.

3. Service as judge in state or federal court of record (identify position, court and years of service):

Response: In 1999, I began my judicial career as a Volunteer Magistrate for the City of Cleveland Community Diversion Program for first time juvenile offenders. For eight (8) years thereafter, I would drive up from the Columbus, Ohio area, where I lived, one (1) Saturday a month from September to June. I would begin hearing cases at 10:00 a.m. and not conclude until sometimes around six o'clock in the evening. I received no compensation for this work. Although I was not authorized to place children in the Cuyahoga County Juvenile Court Detention Center, the toughest cases were saved for me to hear. In the eight (8) years that I served in this position, I only had to return two (2) cases back to the Cuyahoga County Juvenile Court.

In 2005, I became an Acting Judge with the Licking County Municipal Court. I served in this position until April of 2007. While an Acting Judge, I was required by the Ohio Supreme Court to attend the Ohio Judicial College for judicial continuing legal education courses.

4. Current Position and Employer (number of years in this position): Response: I am a Magistrate for the Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas, Juvenile Division. As of April 18, 2018, I will have served in this position for eleven (11) years.

5. Previous Employment and Dates:

- a. Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, Cuyahoga County Prosecuting Attorney's Office (February 2007 to April 2007)
- b. Solo Practitioner, The Retanio Aj Rucker Co., L.P.A. (September 2001 to February 2007)
- c. Solo Practitioner, The Smith & Rucker Co., L.P.A. (February 1998 to August 2001)
- d. Attorney Advisor, Social Security Administration, Office of Hearings & Appeals (April 1996 to July 1998)
- e. Trial Attorney, Climaco, Climaco, Semintore, Leftkawich & Garofoli (February 1995 to March 1996)
- f. Assistant Attorney General, Ohio Attorney General's Office (February 1988 to February 1995)
- g. Law Clerk, Carl J. Character Co., L.P.A. (January 1987 to June 1987)
- h. Bailiff, Cuyahoga County Department of Human Services (September 1982 to February 1988)

6. List no more than five (5) of your significant community or charitable activities:

- a. The Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., Life Member (April 1984 to the present)
- b. The Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., Alpha Housing Board Member (May 2007 to the present)
- c. The Stephanie Tubbs Jones Summer Legal Academy, Judicial Participant (April 2007 to the present)
- d. The Angels Alumni Organization, Board Member, (September 2013 to the present)
- e. The Murtis Taylor Multisystemic Facility, Board Member (October 2016 to the present)