

**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 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: Judi French

Current City of Residence: Columbus, Ohio                      Date and Place of Birth: Salem, Ohio 8/22/1962

Undergraduate School and Degree (Year of Graduation): The Ohio State University, B.A., Political Science (1984)

Law School (Year of Graduation): The Ohio State University, Moritz College of Law (1988)

Other Graduate School, if any, and Degree (Year of Graduation): The Ohio State University, M.A., History (1988)

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

Other Court(s) to Which

You Are Admitted & Year(s): United States Supreme Court (1999); Southern District of Ohio (1989); Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals (1989)

Number of Years Engaged in Practice of Law in any State (excluding Judicial Service): 16

Briefly describe your areas of practice: Before becoming a judge 15 years ago, I was a lawyer in a law firm, corporation, state agency, the attorney general's office, and the governor's office. I began my career as an environmental lawyer, representing public and private clients. As an assistant attorney general, I defended state laws from constitutional challenge and represented the State of Ohio twice before the United States Supreme Court. As counsel to the governor, I advised public officials and government employees.

Summarize your experience, if any, before the court to which you seek election: I have served as a justice on the Ohio Supreme Court for more than seven years. In that time, I have considered thousands of cases, participated in oral arguments, and written opinions. Prior to becoming a judge, I appeared before the court as a lawyer representing public and private clients. I argued two cases before the court in defense of state laws that were challenged as unconstitutional; in both cases, the laws were upheld.

Service as judge in state or federal court of record (identify position, court and years of service): Justice, Supreme Court of Ohio, 1/1/2013 to the present; Judge, Tenth District Court of Appeals, 2004-2012.

Current Position and Employer (number of years in this position): Justice, Supreme Court of Ohio (7.5 years)

Previous Employment and Dates: Judge, Tenth District Court of Appeals (2004-2012); Chief Counsel, Office of the Governor (2002-2004); Assistant Attorney General, then Chief Counsel (1997-2002); Deputy Director, Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (1993-1997); Associate Counsel, Steelcase Inc. (1992-1993); Associate, Porter, Wright, Morris & Arthur (1988-1992).

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

**-Ohio Access to Justice Foundation:** I serve as the court liaison to the foundation board.

**-Ohio Access to Justice Task Force:** I served as a member of the task force and helped to implement recommendations for making Ohio's justice system accessible to every Ohioan.

**-Franklin County Children Services College Bound Program:** I have served as a volunteer and mentor for this program, which supports students in foster care who want to go to college.

**-Law-related educator:** I speak frequently to civic and student organizations to educate the public about the Ohio Supreme Court.