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**FROM JUDICIAL CANDIDATES**

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Name:   **Lisa Forbes**  

Current City of Residence: **Shaker Heights** \_\_\_\_\_ Date and Place of Birth: **July 26, 1963 Cleveland, OH** \_\_\_\_\_

Undergraduate School and Degree (Year of Graduation): **Cornell University, B.S. (Public Policy) (1985)** \_\_\_\_\_

Law School (Year of Graduation): **Case Western Reserve University School of Law (*summa cum laude* 1992)** \_\_\_\_\_

Other Graduate School, if any, and Degree (Year of Graduation): **None** \_\_\_\_\_

Year Admitted to Practice in Ohio: **1992** \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Years Engaged in Practice of Law in Ohio **27** \_\_\_\_\_  
(excluding Judicial Service)

Other Court(s) to Which You Are Admitted & Year(s): **U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit (admitted 1998); U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Ohio (admitted 1993); U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Ohio (admitted 2005); U.S. District Court for the Western District Pennsylvania (admitted 2013)**

Number of Years Engaged in Practice of Law in any State (excluding Judicial Service): **27** \_\_\_\_\_

Briefly describe your areas of practice: **I have been a litigator for my entire career. I represent individuals and businesses in trial courts and courts of appeals in a wide variety of disputes involving legal issues ranging from helping a daughter and her step-mother divide the father's assets (and his ashes) after he died to complicated business disputes like indemnification claims. My litigation experience includes disputes involving allegations of legal malpractice (defense), trust and estates (e.g., breach of fiduciary duty, claims under the Ohio Trust Code, will contests), Ohio Consumer Sales Practices Act, employment discrimination, mortgage fraud, lender liability, petition power under the Ohio Constitution and Ohio statutes, Home Rule under the Ohio Constitution, contract, tortious interference, restrictive covenants, fraud, negligent credentialing, trademark, and more.**

Summarize your experience, if any, before the court to which you seek election: **I have argued and briefed cases to the state courts of appeals consistently throughout my career. I argued my first appeal in the 1990s and most recently in the spring of 2019.**

Service as judge in state or federal court of record (identify position, court and years of service): **None** \_\_\_\_\_

Current Position and Employer (number of years in this position): **I am a partner at the law firm Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease LLP. I have been a partner since 2003. I was an associate at Vorys from 1997 to the end of 2002.** \_\_\_\_\_

Previous Employment and Dates: **After graduating from law school in the spring of 1992, I served as a law clerk to the Honorable Frank J. Battisti in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Ohio (August 1992 through August 1993). I was an associate at the law firm of Squire, Sanders and Dempsey LLP from 1993 through 1997. In the summer of 1997, I joined the Vorys law firm.**

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

**Since 2008 I have served on the Board of the Centers for Families and Children (the "Centers"), helping to steer that organization as it provides high quality Head Start, healthcare (physical and mental), and job training services to**

**some of the most vulnerable citizens of Cuyahoga County. Since 2013, I have served as chair of the Program and Operations Committee, now known as the Quality, Risk and Program Committee. When the Centers affiliated with Circle Health (formerly the Free Clinic) in 2017, I joined the separate Circle Health Board as well. In 2018, I became co-chair of the Circle Health Quality, Risk and Program Committee. I was selected to serve as a vice chair of the board of the affiliated Centers and Circle Health Board beginning June 2019.**

**I was invited to be a member of the Ohio State Bar Association's Estate Planning, Trust and Probate Law Section council. I have served on the council since 2017 participating in analyzing provisions of the Ohio Trust Code and Probate Code and considering and recommending drafting improvements to the statutes, often in response to case law developments.**

**I serve on the Certified Grievance Committee of the CMBA.**