

**JUDICIAL CANDIDATES RATING COALITION**  
**REQUEST FOR BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION**  
**FROM JUDICIAL CANDIDATES**

Name: Phil Calabrese

Current City of Residence: Cuyahoga

Date and Place of Birth: April 26, 1971, Evanston, Illinois

Undergraduate School and Degree (Year of Graduation): College of the Holy Cross, B.A. (1993)

Law School (Year of Graduation): Harvard Law School (2000)

Other Graduate School, if any, and Degree (Year of Graduation): Fulbright Scholar, Athens Greece (1993-94)

Year Admitted to Practice in Ohio: 2000

Number of Years Engaged in Practice of Law in Ohio: 18+  
(excluding Judicial Service)

Other Court(s) to Which

You Are Admitted & Year(s):

United States Supreme Court (2003);

U.S. Courts of Appeals, Second Circuit (2014), Third Circuit (2004), Sixth Circuit (2001), Seventh Circuit (2003),  
Eighth Circuit (2004), Ninth Circuit (2014), Eleventh Circuit (2012), D.C. Circuit (2003), Federal Circuit (2002)

U.S. District Courts, Northern District of Ohio (2001), Southern District of Ohio (2004), Eastern District of Michigan  
(2010); U.S. Court of Federal Claims (2001); U.S. Tax Court (2001).

Number of Years Engaged in Practice of Law in any State (excluding Judicial Service): 18+

Briefly describe your areas of practice:

Before taking the bench in July 2019, I litigated complex commercial disputes in all stages of proceedings, from pre-suit investigation and pleadings through discovery, class certification, expert testimony, trial (jury and bench), and appeal. Most of my practice involved class actions, product liability cases, and personal injury claims. I also handled a significant number of appeals in state and federal courts. I maintained an active pro bono practice, primarily in criminal cases, representing clients who otherwise were unable to afford a lawyer.

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

I have served as a judge on the Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas since July 2019. While in practice, I handled cases in state and federal courts around the country, including before the court on which I now serve.

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

I currently serve as a judge on the Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas (since July 2019).

Current Position and Employer (number of years in this position):

I currently serve as a judge on the Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas (since July 2019).

Previous Employment and Dates:

Case Western Reserve University School of Law (Adjunct Professor, 2017 to present)

Porter, Wright, Morris & Arthur, LLP (Partner, 2014 to 2019)

Squire Sanders & Dempsey LLP (Partner (2009 to 2014); Associate (2003 to 2009))

Thompson Hine LLP (Associate 2001 to 2003)

Law Clerk, Judge Alice M. Batchelder, U.S Court of Appeals, Sixth Circuit (2000 to 2001)

Wisconsin Legislature (1994 to 1997)

List no more than five of your significant community or charitable activities: (1) Ohio Innocence Project, NE Ohio Board of Advocates; (2) Federal Bar Association, National and N.D. Ohio Chapter; (3) Musical Arts Association Advisory Council; (4) Birchwood School, Board Member and Officer; and (5) Trust for Public Land, Ohio Advisory Board.