

**JUDICIAL CANDIDATES RATING COALITION**  
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**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 color 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: Sara Fagnilli

Current City of Residence: Lakewood, Ohio      Date and Place of Birth: July 3, 1960 in Jamestown, NY

Undergraduate School and Degree (Year of Graduation): Hiram College, 1982

Law School (Year of Graduation): Cleveland-Marshall College of Law, 1985

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

Year Admitted to Practice in Ohio: 1985      Number of Years Engaged in Practice of Law in Ohio: 35 years  
(excluding Judicial Service)

Other Court(s) to Which

You Are Admitted & Year(s): U.S. District Court, Northern District of Ohio - 1986, United States Court of Appeals, 6<sup>th</sup> District - 2011

Number of Years Engaged in Practice of Law in any State (excluding Judicial Service): 35

Briefly describe your areas of practice:

I have practiced in municipal courts throughout Northeast Ohio, as a municipal prosecutor, defense attorney, and representing more than 25 governmental entities, including the City of Lakewood. What that means is that there is not a case that will be filed in the Lakewood Municipal Court that I have not handled, likely on both sides of any given issue. That is unparalleled experience that no one else in this race has. I currently practice in 3 municipal courts and handle municipal cases on a daily basis. My practice at this level has included hundreds of cases in courts in counties in Northeast Ohio; covering numerous areas of law including criminal law, labor and employment, workers' compensation, contract matters, land use, civil service, and equitable matters. I have handled cases in several Ohio Courts of Appeals regarding municipal law issues, contract claims, criminal matters and other areas of law resulting from common pleas cases. I have handled cases in the Ohio Supreme Court. I have handled multiple cases in Federal Court (and Federal Court of Appeals) regarding Section 1983 claims against municipal clients, land use matters, and contract issues.

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

- I practiced before the Lakewood Municipal Court while serving as the Director of Law for the City of Lakewood, and as a Special Prosecutor.

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):

- City Prosecutor, City of Hudson - March 2020 to Present
- City Prosecutor & Assistant Law Director, City of Streetsboro - April 2019 to present;
- City Prosecutor, City of Vermilion - April 2019 to present

Previous Employment and Dates:

- Prosecutor, City of Hudson – February 2015-July 2018
- Attorney, Walter | Haverfield – August 2010 to March 2020
- Assistant Village Prosecutor, Village of Put-in-Bay – January 1, 2019 to March 2020
- Special Assistant Law Director/Prosecutor, City of Tallmadge – August 2018 to September 2018

- Assistant Director of Law, City of Stow - June 2016 to December 2017
- Director of Law, City of Fairview Park - October 2006 to December 2015
- Special Prosecutor, City of Lakewood – February 2016 to April 2016.
- Adjunct Professor, Instructor, Cleveland Marshall College of Law- Cleveland State University - August 2000 to May 2001, August 1995 to June 1996, August 1986 to June 1993
- Director of Law, City of Lakewood - January 1996 to March 1999
- Assistant General Counsel, Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District - May 1990 to January 1996
- Associate Attorney, Joseph W. Diemert, Jr. & Associates Co., L.P.A. - March 1987 to May 1990
- Associate Attorney, Stanley E. Stein & Associates Co., L.P.A. - October 1985 to March 1987

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

- Lakewood Charter Review Commission, Chair 1995
- Citizens Advisory Commission, Community Development Block Grant Program 1993 to 1995
- Lakewood Catholic Academy President Search Committee 2014
- Board Member, Fill This House, 2014-20
- Lakewood Rocky River Rotary, 2019 to present