

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: Retanio Aj Rucker

Current City of Residence: Euclid, Ohio Date & Place of Birth: June 25, 1959
Cleveland, Cuyahoga
County, Ohio

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

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

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

Year Admitted to Practice in Ohio: 1988 Number of Years Engaged in Practice of Law in Ohio (excluding Judicial Service): 19 years

Other Court(s) to Which You Are (Were) Admitted & Year(s):

Response: United States 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: I am only admitted to practice in the State of Ohio. I am not admitted to practice in any other State.

Briefly describe your areas of practice:

Response: As a trial attorney of over thirty-three (33) years of experience, I appeared before various administrative, civil, criminal, and juvenile tribunals on the federal, state and/or local levels. I acted as trial attorney and/or appellate counsel for my clients. I was responsible for preparing all administrative documents necessary for proper case maintenance and office management. I was also responsible for researching various aspects of the law, including but not

limited to areas involving administrative, civil, criminal, environmental, juvenile, labor, and/or social security law, analyzing said law and formulating an opinion upon which to base case strategy. In addition, I was required to perform the duties of a litigator, which included counseling clients as to alternative courses of action available, conducting settlement negotiations, conducting discovery, prepping witnesses and preparing matters for hearing, trial and/or appellate argument.

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

Response: I am a candidate for Judge in the Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas, Juvenile Division (hereinafter referred to either the “Cuyahoga County Juvenile Court” or the “Juvenile Court”).

As an attorney in private practice, I appeared as counsel in various juvenile courts around the State of Ohio on abuse, neglect and dependency (hereinafter referred to as “A/N/D”) matters, child support (enforcement and initiation) matters, delinquency (criminal) matters, private custody matters, and traffic matters. I also acted as a Guardian ad Litem in A/N/D cases and private custody cases.

For over fourteen and a half (14 ½) years, I was a Magistrate in the Cuyahoga County Juvenile Court. I was a Delinquency or criminal Magistrate.

As a Delinquency Magistrate, I handled all criminal cases assigned to me. In addition to my delinquency duties, I was given A/N/D matters (i.e., Cuyahoga County Division of Children & Family Services [aka the “agency”] cases), child support matters, private custody matters, and traffic matters to handle. I also handled the Bridges Docket-a program designed to assist young adults transition from agency custody to adulthood. Moreover, I was the overflow person for the judge I worked for when the judge was unable to hear cases scheduled on her docket. Lastly, when the judge did not bind a child over to be tried as an adult, I was the individual who heard the matter for trial and issued a written decision thereon.

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

<u>Response:</u> August 2005 - April 2007	The Licking County Municipal Court Acting Judge
January 2001 - April 2007	The City of Cleveland, Ohio The Community Diversion Program for First Time Juvenile Offenders Volunteer Magistrate,

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

Response: I am currently unemployed.

Previous Employment and Dates:

<u>Response:</u> April 2007 to January 2022	The Cuyahoga County Juvenile Court
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Magistrate

February 2007 - April 2007 The Cuyahoga County Prosecuting
Attorney's Office
Assistant Prosecuting Attorney

September 2001 - -January 2007 The Retanio Aj Rucker Co., L.P.A.
Attorney and Counselor at Law

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

Response: Catholic Charities Diocese of Cleveland-Board Member
The 100 Black Men of Greater Cleveland, Inc.-Member
The Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.-Life Member
The Cuyahoga County Fatherhood Initiative-Steering Committee Member
The Murtis Taylor Human Services Systems-Board Member