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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 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: Denise Joan Salerno

Current City of Residence: South Euclid Date and Place of Birth: 06/18/1970 South Euclid, Ohio

Undergraduate School and Degree (Year of Graduation): Kent State University, B.A. Psychology, 1993

Law School (Year of Graduation): Cleveland Marshall College of Law, 2002

Other Graduate School, if any, and Degree (Year of Graduation): Kent State University, M.Ed. Rehabilitation Counseling, 1996

Year Admitted to Practice in Ohio: 2003 Number of Years Engaged in Practice of Law in Ohio: 16
(excluding Judicial Service)

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

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

Briefly describe your areas of practice: Criminal Prosecution; includes conducting and full preparation for trial, full motion practice, Appellate practice.

Summarize your experience, if any, before the court to which you seek election: I began my legal career in 2003 in civil litigation. I gained experience on both the defense and plaintiff side of the law, allowing me to understand issues that are unique to each of these arenas. I have worked in the criminal justice system since June 2008 and have experience with juvenile delinquency and all levels of felony litigation. I have participated in approximately 65 trials at the felony level and currently analyze complaints and determine appropriate charges to present to Grand Juries. I have gained knowledge in both civil and criminal trial processes and procedures and have attended countless case management conferences, pretrials, depositions, proffers, and other various meetings and hearings, including settlement/plea negotiations. I have initiated and responded to many motions in both the civil and criminal areas of the law. I have drafted numerous sentencing memoranda and have responded to many Appeals. I also have experience working in the mental health system and understand the complexity of mental health issues and how the two systems are intertwined. My experience is unique and diverse and will allow me to immediately adjust to the demands of the position.

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

Current Position and Employer (number of years in this position): Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, Cuyahoga County Prosecutor's Office (14 years)

Previous Employment and Dates:

Data Analyst, HR Control; Progressive Insurance Company; January 2007-June 2008

Arbitration Specialist, Claims Resolution; Progressive Insurance Company; May 2005-January 2007

Associate Attorney; Novak, Robenalt, Pavlik, & Scharff, LPA; March 2004-March 2005

Associate Attorney; Reminger & Reminger, Co. LPA; May 2003-March 2004

Collections Specialist; MBNA Bank; September 1997-June 1999

Mental Health Professional; Northeast Community Mental Health Center; September 1995-September 1997

Lifeguard; Beachwood Marriott; August 1993-May 1994

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

Volunteer Mt. Gillion Baptist Church, Cleveland Ohio

Involvement with St. Clare Parish, Lyndhurst, Ohio

Involvement with Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, South Euclid, Ohio

Involvement with community block watch, South Euclid, Ohio and Slavic Village, Ohio

Involvement with community/district meetings, Cleveland, Ohio