

**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: Joan Synenberg

Current City of Residence: Bratenahl                      Date and Place of Birth: 08/18/1957, Lansing, Michigan

Undergraduate School and Degree (Year of Graduation): Cleveland State University, B.A. 1983

Law School (Year of Graduation): Cleveland-Marshall College of Law, 1987

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

Year Admitted to Practice in Ohio: 1989                      Number of Years Engaged in Practice of Law in Ohio: 16  
(excluding Judicial Service)

Other Court(s) to Which You Are Admitted & Year(s): N/A

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

Briefly describe your areas of practice: General Division, Common Pleas Court, civil and criminal litigation

Summarize your experience, if any, before the court to which you seek election: 16 years as a litigator and 18 years as a judge

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

Judge, Cleveland Municipal Court, 2005-2006;

Judge, Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court, 2007 – present

Current Position and Employer (number of years in this position): Judge, Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court, 16 years

Previous Employment and Dates:

Social Worker, Cuyahoga County Jail, 1985-1987;

Morning Zoo Token Jokes Book, Malrite Communications, 1987-1989;

Self-employed Attorney, 1989-1998;

Associate, Musca & Miralia, 1996-1998;

Self-employed Attorney, 1998-2005;

Judge, Cleveland Municipal Court, 2005-2006;

Judge, Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court, 2007-Present

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

- 1) Cuyahoga County Pro Bono Collaborative;
- 2) "Listening Tour" (Cuyahoga County Jail, Cuyahoga County Detention Center, CBCF – 18 month project);
- 3) Sunshine Committee Book Drive for Incarcerated Persons;
- 4) SPCA Board Member;
- 5) Cleveland Peacemakers Alliance Board Member.