



1. What are the top issues facing the Ohio judicial system, and how should the Ohio Supreme Court provide leadership to those issues?



Public safety and the need for a stable, predictable legal environment are the top two issues in our judicial system. The rise in violent and property crime is taking its toll on Ohio citizens and the business community. The Ohio Supreme Court can set the tone by deciding cases based on the facts and the law rather than concern itself with tailoring justice in an attempt to correct perceived societal wrongs. With regards to Ohio's legal environment, stability and predictability are crucial to allowing businesses to thrive and provide good jobs for Ohio families. Justices on the Ohio

Supreme Court can help provide such stability by interpreting laws – not creating them – and ensuring that the other branches of government act within the roles assigned to them by our state and federal constitutions.

2. How do you see the role of amicus curiae parties or briefs in Ohio Supreme Court litigation?

Amicus briefs can certainly be helpful to the Court by providing information and expertise on issues in a particular case. I have welcomed them in my courtroom and would continue to invite interested parties to submit them when I serve on the Ohio Supreme Court.



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3. Can you explain your judicial philosophy in plain English?

I believe a judge's role is to determine what the law is and apply the law to the cases in front of him/her. A court sits to resolve cases and controversies – not question and issues. It's not a judge's job to legislate or to provide guidance – rather, their job is to call balls and strikes and simply decide the case before the court.