



Justice of the Ohio Supreme Court Candidate Patrick Fischer Republican

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

I see amici curiae as important to this court, especially in the phase of each case when motions for jurisdiction are being considered. Those parties can impact the issue of whether the decision in the pending case might have such importance as to meet the criteria of a case of great general or public interest. Thus an amicus can have a deep

impact on whether a case is to be heard by the Ohio Supreme Court.

Can you explain your judicial philosophy in plain English?

Incumbent

I have been called a "common sense textualist." I enforce the law as written in supporting my view that the rule of law must be maintained, so that our courts e apply the law and not create law. The Ohio Supreme Court should not become a legislature and make law. So I rely on the texts of the Constitutions, the statutes, and the contracts, as applicable, and then use common sense