



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



The Ohio Supreme Court's job is to decide cases based on the laws and constitution. In an increasingly polarized state, the court must reassure citizens, businesses, and others that cases are decided fairly and impartially. More importantly, the court must base its decisions on the laws passed by the people and their representatives, not on the personal or political

views of a justice.

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

The Ohio Supreme Court hears cases on a wide range of topics and areas of law every time it meets. Given this, specialized amicus curiae briefs from interest groups or individuals well-versed in a particular area of law can be helpful in guiding the research and thought process of any justice and their staff.



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

I pride myself on always speaking in plain English! My judicial philosophy is simple. Ohioans make our laws by electing representatives to the General Assembly or through ballot initiatives. The only job of the Ohio Supreme Court is to interpret those laws and apply them to the facts of given cases. I'm a textualist, which just means I believe the words written into the laws or constitution matter most in deciding any case. I reject the idea that a justice can insert their own opinion or change a law based on what they think the lawmakers meant.