



OHIO FARM BUREAU FEDERATION

**Agriculture for Good Government**

POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE

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



*I believe the greatest obstacle to justice is the failure to apply equal protections under the law. I would hope that more judges maintained an originalist philosophy, rather than legislating from the bench and ruling in a way that appeases current and fleeting fads. In that way, it shouldn't matter who is a Republican and who is a Democrat. To me, public safety, upholding the Constitution as it is written, and valuing the rights of all Ohioans are issues of prime importance.*

**2.**

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

*During my time on the Ohio Supreme Court over just the past 15 months, I have found amicus briefs to be tremendously helpful to all of us on the bench. The information provided by interested parties helps provide background, insight and clarity into the case that otherwise might not be provided. I would encourage the Ohio Farm Bureau and its members to continue submitting these briefs to the Court.*

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

*I consider myself an originalist. To me, that specifically means reading the text of the Constitution and discerning what it meant at the time it was written.*