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PERSONAL STATEMENT:

I have been privileged to devote the last 28 years of my life to the practice of law, guided throughout by a commitment to fairness, service, and most importantly, the rule of law. I began my legal career as an assistant prosecutor, handling both misdemeanor and felony cases. I was quickly introduced to trial work, participating in my first jury trial as a lawyer – an aggravated murder case – within 6 months of being hired. My experience as a prosecutor instilled in me a deep respect for the justice system and the responsibility entrusted to those who serve within it.

I then spent the next 24 years as a civil trial lawyer, representing clients in a wide range of civil matters, with a primary focus on tort cases. Through that work, I gained extensive trial experience and developed a strong appreciation for the role attorneys play in advocating for their clients and ensuring access to justice.

In 2024, I was honored to be elected to the Tenth District Court of Appeals. Serving as an appellate judge has been one of the most rewarding chapters of my career. I truly enjoy the thoughtful analysis, collaboration, and careful decision-making that appellate work requires, and I am proud to contribute to the development of the law in our community.

I would welcome the opportunity to bring this diverse professional background to the Columbus Bar Association. I am committed to supporting its mission and strengthening its role as a resource for attorneys and the public alike. I look forward to

working with my colleagues to build an even stronger, more engaged association of attorneys.

EDUCATION:

Morehead State Univeristy, B.A. in Government, 1994
University of Akron School of Law, J.D., *cum laude*, 1998

LAW RELATED BACKGROUND:

Morrow County Prosecutor's Office, Assistant Prosecutor, 1998-2001
The Plymale Partnership, LLP, Associate, 2001-2003
The Law Office of Shawn Dingus, Solo Practitioner, 2003-2009
Plymale & Dingus, LLC, Managing Partner, 2009-2024
10th District Court of Appeals, Judge, 2025-present

ADDITIONAL BACKGROUND:

In addition to Ohio, I am admitted to practice in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Ohio, the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Ohio, the U.S. Federal Court of Claims, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit.

I previously served as a board member of Central Community House and of the American Constitution Society, as Treasurer of the Franklin County Democratic Lawyers Club, as a committee chair of the Ohio Association of Justice and as a member of The Harmony Project. I also chaired the Judicial Screening Committee of the Franklin County Democratic Party for 14 years.

I currently volunteer as a scholar with the National Constitution Center and I regularly judge moot court competitions throughout Ohio.

BAR ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES:

Columbus Bar Association: I have been a member of numerous committees over the last 25 years, most recently including the EAGLE and LGBTQIA+ Professional Development Networks. I have also taught numerous CLE courses over that time.

OTHER BAR ASSOCIATION AND LAW RELATED ORGANIZATIONS:

I am also a member of the Ohio State Bar Association, the Ohio Court of Appeals Judges Association and the Ohio Judicial Conference.

HONORS, AWARDS, AND PUBLICATIONS:

Ohio SuperLawyer, 2019-2024.
Best Lawyers of 2015, Columbus CEO magazine