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JUDICIAL CAMPAIGN GRIEVANCE FORM BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT

Instructions: Please answer all questions, set forth the facts supporting your complaint, identify the provisions of Canon 4 of the Code of Judicial Conduct that you believe have been violated, and complete the attached affidavit.

1. Provide your name, address, telephone number, and email address where you can be contacted regarding this complaint:

NAME:	Laurie	Kimberly
	Last	First
ADDRESS:	38314 N Beachview Rd Street	
Willoughby	Lake	OH
City	County	State
		44094
		Zip Code
330-524-8546	kimlaurie@1791.com	
Daytime Telephone	Email address	

2. Provide the name, address, telephone number, and email address of the judicial candidate who is the subject of this complaint:

NAME:	Rambo	Matthew
	Last	First
ADDRESS:	14981 Surrey Downs Dr Street	
Novelty	Geauga	OH
City	County	State
		44072
		Zip Code
440-421-9181	matt@ramboforgeauga.com	
Daytime Telephone	Email address	

3. Does the complaint arise from a judicial campaign?

If yes, provide year and note primary or general election (*example: 2020 Primary; or 2020 General*): 2020 Primary

4. Court to which the judicial candidate who is subject of this complaint is seeking election: Geauga County Probate/Juvenile Court

5. Have you filed a complaint with Disciplinary Counsel, a local bar association, or the Ohio Elections Commission about this matter? . If yes, please list the entity or entities with which a complaint was filed.

If yes, name of the agency:

6. Is there a local judicial monitoring committee operating in your county? . If you answered yes, please indicate all of the following on an attached sheet: (a) the name and contact information for that committee; (b) whether the candidates have signed an agreement with that committee; and (c) whether the remedies provided for in that agreement have been exhausted.

7. List the name, address and daytime telephone number of persons who can support your complaint or who have information about the facts:

NAME	ADDRESS	TELEPHONE
Ralph Spidalleri	10100 Sherman Rd, Chardon, OH	216-401-6509
Sharon Gingerich	15430 Newcomb Rd, Middlefield	440-279-2020

8. If this grievance results in a finding of probable cause that the judicial candidate named in the grievance committed one or more violations of Canon 4 of the Code of Judicial Conduct, you, as the complainant, are responsible for prosecuting this matter before a Board hearing panel and a five-judge commission appointed by the Supreme Court. If you have an attorney who will be representing you in this matter, please provide the name, address, telephone number, and email address of that attorney.

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In the space below or on an attached sheet, briefly set forth the facts that support your complaint, in chronological order, including dates. Also, describe what you consider unethical conduct by the judicial candidate. Attach COPIES of any correspondence, documents, or other materials that support your complaint.

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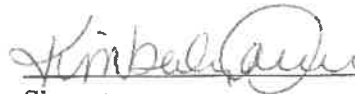
FACTS OF THE COMPLAINT

Please see attached

Specify the provisions of Canon 4 of the Code of Judicial Conduct that you believe were violated.

4.3 - prohibiting Judicial Candidates from publishing or distributing information concerning the judicial candidate or an opponent, either knowing the information to be false or with a reckless disregard of whether or not it was false

By submitting and signing this grievance, I acknowledge that (1) this grievance is confidential unless and until probable cause is found and a formal complaint certified to the Board of Professional Conduct, and (2) if this grievance results in certification of a formal complaint pursuant to Gov. Jud. R. II, Section 5(B) or Section 6(A)(3), I, either personally or through counsel retained by me at my own expense, am responsible for prosecuting the allegations of judicial campaign misconduct.



Signature

Kimberly Laurie

Name (print or type)

February 13, 2020

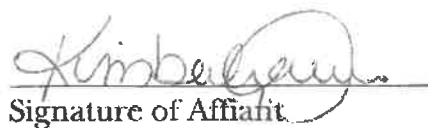
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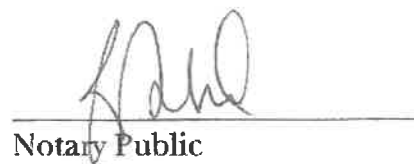
STATE OF OHIO :

COUNTY OF Geauga :

Before Patricia Behrend, a Notary Public in and for said county, personally appeared Kimberly Laurie, who being by me duly sworn (or affirmed) deposes and says that the statements on the Judicial Campaign Grievance Form are true. Further affiant says not.


Signature of Affiant

Sworn to before me and signed in my presence this 14th day of February 2020.


Notary Public

Patricia Behrend
Filed in Summit County
Exp. 6/23/23

Rick Dove, Director
Ohio Board of Professional Conduct
65 South Front Street
Columbus, Ohio 43215

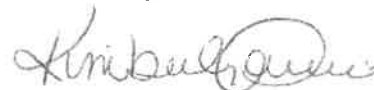
Dear Director Dove,

This grievance is being submitted to you pursuant to Rule II Section 5 of the Supreme Court Rules for the Government of the Judiciary of Ohio, as it alleges multiple violations by a judicial candidate of Canon 4 of the Code of Judicial Conduct during the course of his current campaign for judicial office.

Below are the facts of my grievance in chronological order, including dates and a description of the conduct warranting this grievance, and I've attached documentation of these facts.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Kimberly Laurie

Matthew Rambo, judicial candidate for Geauga County Probate/Juvenile Court Judge in the March 17, 2020 Republican Primary, has thus far violated Canon 4.3 of the Code of Judicial Conduct numerous times during the course of his current campaign by distributing two (2) false statements about his voting history, and disseminating a multitude of false statements about current Judge Tim Grendell, who is Rambo's opponent in the Republican Primary. Rambo has made all of these statements either knowing the information to be false, or with a reckless disregard of whether or not it was false, in violation of Canon 4.3 of the Code of Judicial Conduct.

1. Beginning on October 7, 2019 – present, during his judicial candidacy for Geauga County Probate/Juvenile court Judge in the March 17, 2020 Republican Primary, Matt Rambo has distributed and disseminated numerous false statements about current Judge Tim Grendell, who is Rambo's opponent. Not only did these false statements violate Canon 4 of the Code of Judicial Conduct, but they also violate both Rule 8.2 of the Ohio Rules of Professional Conduct, and Rule I Section 2 of the Supreme Court Rules for the Government of the Judiciary of Ohio. Rule 8.2 states, "A lawyer shall not make a statement that the lawyer knows to be false or with reckless disregard to its truth or falsity concerning the... integrity of a judicial officer. Rule 1 Section 2 states, "It is the duty of the lawyer to maintain towards the courts a respectful attitude, not for the sake of the temporary incumbent of the judicial office, but for the maintenance of its supreme importance. Justices and judges, not being wholly free to defend themselves, are peculiarly entitled to receive the support of lawyers

against unjust criticism and clamor." Attached to this grievance are multiple posts on Matt Rambo's campaign Facebook page and his campaign website, citing a "need to restore faith in the judiciary," falsely accusing the current Judge (his opponent) of "judicial overreach, bullying, name calling, and vindictiveness," giving economic favors to those who support him, misusing public money entrusted to the Court for "self-promotion shenanigans", "wasteful spending", using tax dollars "for his own publicity and thus his own benefit" and to "fund a perpetual political campaign", "yelling at people, at a policeman, at other public officials, at his own staff...", "criticizing the good judge typically has negative repercussions to the critic", gives "huge raises and bloated salaries... to his employees... with the understanding that they will promote him and contribute to this reelection campaign", "get into fights with the past and present auditor and county commissioners with jail threats." While I cannot confirm these statements are being shared on other social media platforms because I only have access to Facebook, Rambo's website also lists Twitter, Pinterest, LinkedIn, Reddit, Tumblr, and Blogger as available social media platforms (see attached). Some of these statements were made directly by Rambo's campaign in the form of a press release; others are opinion pieces written by his supporters that he shared on his official campaign social media and website, thus approving, distributing, and disseminating the false messages contained within.

2. On February 13, 2020, the Geauga County Republican Party published the answers that candidates submitted to them in response to their candidate questionnaires in five (5) local newspapers: 1) Chagrin Valley Times, 2) Geauga Times Courier, 3) Good News, 4) Chesterland News, and 5) Geauga Maple Leaf. Rambo's answer to the question, "List 2-3 very specific goals you will strive to achieve if elected," falsely accuses the Judge of "increasingly wasteful and unmanageable" spending; falsely claims the Judge does not try to collaborate with law enforcement or other county agencies and instead offers through the court "duplicative" or "overlap programs already offered by agencies and entities in the County," (furthering the false claim that the Judge's spending is out of control and wasteful); and falsely asserts that the Judge illegally manages the Geauga Park District beyond the authority granted to him by Ohio Law, by promising, as a contrast to the current Judge's activities with the park, "I will remove myself from any further direct management of the Geauga Park District except as necessary by law and allow them to operate autonomously." Rambo also falsely asserts that the Judge has acted in ways that 1) have caused residents to lose faith in the Probate/Juvenile Court, 2) have caused a lack of "civility" in the Court's operation, 3) have caused the Probate/Juvenile Court to lose its position of respect and prominence in the community, and that has caused the Probate/Juvenile Court to become a partisan player instead of a nonpartisan arbiter of justice. Not only do these false statements violate Canon 4.3 of the Ohio Rules of Professional Conduct, but they also violate both Rule 8.2 of the Ohio Rules of Professional Conduct for attorneys, and Rule I Section 2 of the Supreme Court Rules for the Government of the Judiciary of Ohio, by failing to "maintain towards the courts a respectful attitude, not for the sake of the temporary incumbent of the judicial office, but for the maintenance of its supreme importance. Justices and judges, not being wholly free

to defend themselves, are peculiarly entitled to receive the support of lawyers against unjust criticism and clamor.” See attached photo of GOP candidates newspaper insert.

3. On or about November 15, 2019, Rambo mailed a letter to Geauga County Republican Party Central Committee members, Executive Committee members, and elected officials, in which he misrepresented his voting history to Republicans, stating 1) "Prior to 2017, I voted a Republican ballot and remained a registered Republican." This statement is clearly false as he was registered as a Democrat in Franklin County starting in 2010 and remained in that status in Franklin County into 2019. Please see attached voter records from Franklin County. Rambo's campaign manager continues to make this false claim to the public, to which County Recorder Sharon Gingerich can attest.
4. In the same letter, Rambo also claimed that he is "not switching parties just to run for office, but rather am coming home to the party I have always identified most strongly." However, after voting as a Democrat in 2017, he then ran unsuccessfully as a Democrat in 2018 for Common Pleas Court Judge, in heavily Republican Geauga County. See attached 2018 Democrat Primary Results Summary Report from the Geauga County Board of Elections, photo of Rambo as a Democrat candidate, and letter to the editor from Geauga Republican Party Chairwoman Nancy McArthur published in the Geauga County Maple Leaf. Shortly after losing the election, the Democrat Party announced Rambo's intention to run as a Democrat in 2020 for Probate/Juvenile Court Judge, according to the Geauga County Democratic Party website, and on December 19, 2018, Rambo accepted a \$2,250 donation from the Geauga County Democratic Party. See attached screenshot from the Geauga Democrat Party website, and Contribution page from Rambo's 2019 Annual Campaign Finance Report.

While the authors of the opinion pieces referenced in #1 which Rambo disseminated and distributed on his official campaign website and social media are not lawyers in Ohio or judicial officers or judicial candidates and therefore have a right to speak whatever falsehoods they choose, even at the detriment of the judicial office temporarily held by the current Judge, attorney and judicial candidate Matthew Rambo has a responsibility to refrain from distributing information concerning his judicial opponent either knowing the information to be false or with a reckless disregard of whether or not it was false, and to protect the integrity of the judiciary, current and future, by maintaining towards the courts a respectful attitude, to support judicial officers against unjust criticism and clamor, and to not make a statement that the lawyer knows to be false or with reckless disregard as to its truth or falsity concerning the qualifications or integrity of a judicial officer. Rambo then legitimized the false claims by developing his entire campaign platform around “restor[ing] faith in the Probate/Juvenile Court and returning civility to its operation...reestablish[ing] a position of respect and prominence in the community for the Court, foster[ing] a return to collaboration with the various stakeholders in Geauga County...[and] return[ing] the Probate/Juvenile Court to its intended role as a nonpartisan arbiter of justice.” His conduct described above has violated, and continues to violate, Canon 4 of the Judicial Code of

Conduct, Rule 8.2 of the Ohio Rules of Professional Conduct, and Rule I Section 2 of the Supreme Court Rules for the Government of the Judiciary of Ohio.

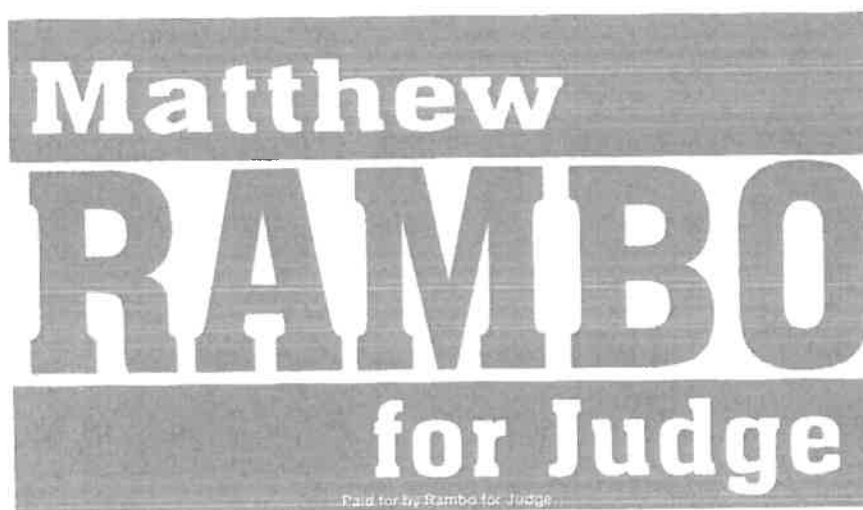
Rambo's two false statements described in #3 and #4 are contradicted by his voter registration history, prior voting record and prior candidacy. Regardless of the sincerity or lack thereof regarding his motivation to switch parties, Rambo's distribution of these two clearly false statements to mislead Geauga County Republicans violates Canon 4.3 of the Code of Judicial Conduct, which prohibits Judicial Candidates from distributing disregard of whether or not it was false.



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Rambo Challenges Grendell for Judge



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Contact: Scott Kayser (440) 600-4005

RAMBO CHALLENGES GRENDOLL FOR PROBATE/JUVENILE COURT JUDGE

Chardon, OH (October 7, 2019) – Matthew Rambo, a private practice attorney with over a decade of working in the judicial system, filed a Designation of Treasurer with the Geauga County Board of Elections today. In doing so, he formally kicked off his campaign for Geauga County Probate/Juvenile Court Judge in the 2020 Republican Primary. Rambo believes voters deserve a choice when electing Geauga County's next Probate/Juvenile Judge, something they have been denied in the recent past, and will campaign vigorously throughout the county to provide voters that choice.

Rambo cited the need to restore faith in the judiciary as his primary reason for running. "This isn't about Republican or Democrat; conservative or liberal. This is about restoring faith in the juvenile/Probate Court, and returning the judiciary to its intended role as a nonpartisan office. This is about having a Judge we can be proud of." With controversy surrounding the Court in recent years, Rambo is offering himself as a dedicated, nonpartisan alternative to restore faith in the Probate/Juvenile Court. Rambo continued, "I will be a dedicated jurist that administers the court efficiently and effectively in a fiscally responsible manner, and will work with elected officials and citizens throughout Geauga County to ensure the Court is fulfilling its duty."

Currently an associate with Freeburg & Freeburg, LLC, Rambo has nearly fifteen years of experier practicing law, including time as a Staff Attorney to two Judges. Rambo served as a Magistrate in t Court of Claims of Ohio for seven years, presiding over hundreds of cases and trials. Dedicated to protecting our children and ensuring justice, Rambo is a certified Guardian ad Litem and volunteer his services to local legal aid clinics. Active in the community and county, Matthew Rambo resides Russell Township with his wife and two sons.
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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Vote for Matt Rambo

Vote for Matt Rambo. It seems that virtually every letter to the editor promoting Judge Timothy Grendell comes from his honor's employees, past employees or folks who have some vested economic interest in promoting the good judge. The latest is from Laura Cooke, an apparent past employee of the good judge at the probate court. It deserves a response. As far as I know, none of us folks who are supporters of Protect Geauga Parks (ProtectGaugaParks.us) have any economic interest in criticizing the judges actions. Criticizing the good judge typically has negative repercussions to the critic. Check out our website.

One might well wonder if the huge raises and bloated salaries the good judge pays to some of his employees (our tax dollars, of course) are paid with the understanding that they will promote him and contribute to this reelection campaigns. Check their salaries and see how they compare with employees of other similarly sized probate courts.

Ms. Cooke states that his decisions have "always been fair." Was it a fair decision for him to get into fights with the past and the present auditor and county commissioners with jail threats emanating from the good judge? Was it a fair decision for Judge Grendell to appoint people as park commissioners who have essentially shown no past interest in parks, natural areas or conservation? Was it a fair decision for him to appoint Mr. Johnston as a past park commissioner, knowing that he was running for county commissioner and would have to resign as park commissioner if he won his election?

Was it a fair decision for him to fire any park commissioners who by chance did express concern for protecting endangered species? Was it a fair decision of the good judge to plaster his photo in every park newsletter to gain publicity for himself? Was it a fair decision for the good judge to allow the purchase of two large parcels by the park district at prices vastly over the appraised value?

We citizens are facing a fork in the road this March. March 17 is the primary election in Ohio. Tim Grendell and Matthew Rambo will be the only two folks vying for the probate court judgeship on the Republican ballot. Whoever wins will be the next probate judge as no Democratic opponent will be on the November ballot, so the winner in March will be unopposed in November. If you wish an opportunity to have your voice heard in this matter you need to request a Republican ballot on March 17. A Democratic or Independent ballot will not give you that opportunity.

by John G. Augustine, Parkman Township

Read More of this letter at the Chagrin Valley Today. Letter to the Editor.

Vote for Matt Rambo: http://www.chagrinvalleytoday.com/viewpoint/article_256c90ea-42dd-11ea-9e3e-937ce01d0057.html#utm_source=chagrinvalleytoday.com&utm_campaign=%2Fsearch%2Fsavedsearch%2Fexecute%2F%3Fd1%3Dyesterday%25209am%26d2%3Dtoday%25209am%26xd%3D1%26sd%3Ddesc%26l%3D25%26sort%3Drelevance%26f%3Dhtml%26t%3Darticle%252Cvideo%252Cyoutube%252Creflection%26app%3Deditorial%26nsa%3Deedition%26q%3Drambo%26title%3DRambo%2520search%2520notification&utm_medium=followed%20notification%20email&utm_content=headline

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Enough is enough

Enough of Judge Timothy Grendell's use of our public money for blatant self-promotion shenanigans. Why are we paying to have his photo on local diner placemats, on church bulletins and on every piece of Geauga Park District literature meant to advertise park and nature programs? Is this why the court budget for expenditures has increased over \$1 million, according to the court's own Annual Reports, since 2011?

Enough using our public money to publish "Quarterly Newsletters," costing well over \$50,000 mailed to all residents, filled with outdated quotes, self-aggrandizing articles and information easily found on the court's own website.

Enough using our public money to pay for the big blue signs (\$800) that have graced our county since April 2019 that say "SAVE MONEY - FREE" over the judge's name, as if he is giving away candy at a carnival.

Enough using public dollars to, in essence, fund a perpetual political campaign. He can do that on his own dime, not on ours.

And, while I'm at it, enough yelling at people, at a policeman, at other public officials, at his own staff and even at myself.

Enough already.

Read more at the Chagrin Valley Today

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http://www.chagrinvalleytoday.com/viewpoint/article_256c90ea-42dd-11ea-9e3e-937ce01d0057.html#utm_source=chagrinvalleytoday.com&utm_campaign=%2Fsearch%2Fsavedsearch%2Fexecute



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By Protect Geauga Parks on January 27, 2020

Submitted by John Augustine

Parkman Township

Down to the Crossroads-We citizens are facing a “Y” in the road this March. March 17th is the primary election day here in Ohio. Tim Grendell and Matthew Rambo will be the only two folks running for the probate court Judgeship on the Republican ballot. Whoever wins will be Probate Judge for the next six years, as no opponent will be on the November ballot. The winner in March will be unopposed in November.

If you wish an opportunity to have your voice heard in this matter, you need to request a Republican ballot on March 17. A Democratic or independent “issues-only” ballot will not give you that opportunity.

One path of the “Y” will lead to more wasteful spending like the over one hundred thousand dollars spent on a plastic climbing wall and over a million dollars spent to remodel the Nassau Observatory that did not allow the observatory dome to turn to all areas of the sky and still does not enable disabled folks to actually look through the Nassau telescope. That road will mean a Probate Judge who uses tax dollars for his own publicity and thus his own benefit.

To read the remaining article please visit https://protectgeaugaparks.us/2020/01/27/down-to-the-crossroads/?fbclid=IwAR0DhGpZrak-4HbY_Ybo25YtT2dQ-0Fok0KrhVcqZpWtLpftzo-liRrTnnY

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Support for Matthew Rambo

by Kathryn Hanratty, Chardon Township

Tired of the judicial overreach, bullying, name calling and vindictiveness that has plagued Geauga County through the reign of Grendell, the citizens group Protect Geauga Parks endorses a brave challenger, Matthew Rambo for Probate and Juvenile Court Judge.

Matthew Rambo has the judicial temperament sorely needed in Geauga County. According to the American Bar Association, judicial temperament means that a judge exhibits "compassion, decisiveness, open-mindedness, sensitivity, courtesy, patience, freedom from bias and commitment to equal justice."

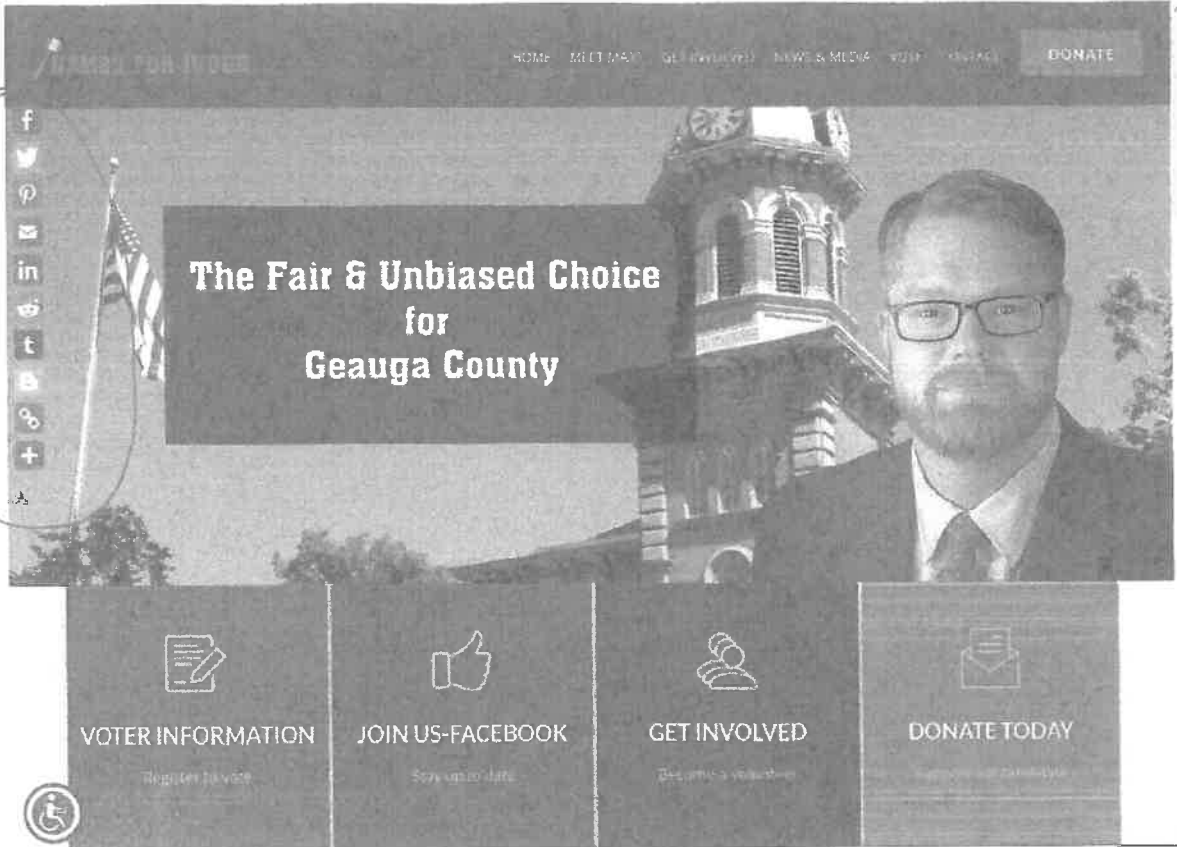
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obtaining her Ph.D. My oldest son earned two Associate's Degrees while in high school, and he is currently serving in the U.S. Army National Guard as an Air Defense Battle Management System Operator and concurrently attending college to become a commercial pilot. My youngest son is currently serving in the U.S. Army full time as a Horizontal Construction Engineer.

Contact: jobcastelli@yahoo.com; (440) 479-7492

The job of County Engineer continues two of my passions; engineering and serving others. During the course of my given day, I can make decisions that affect the safety of my own traveling on our roads in Geauga County. Having kids, I know how important safety on our roads is to everyone.

Last 2-3 very specific goals you will strive to achieve if elected: Continue to make safety improvement to minimize the accident rates in Geauga County. Continue to work with the Townships to help them get the funding they need to maintain their roads.

Do you support Republican Party principles as outlined in our platform? Yes

COUNTY CORONER



John Wranosic

Resident of Mutton Township
Current Geauga County Coroner
Employed as Family Physician, UH
Gauga Family Physicians 1998-present
Education: West Geauga High School
1983, USMC 1983-1987; University of
Virginia, BA 1991, MD 1995; Case Western Reserve - Mount
Sinai Residency 1995-1998

Married 18a 1994. We have a large family

I am seeking re-election to Geauga County Coroner. I enjoy serving my county and meeting many of the people that make this a great county. I will continue to offer thorough and compassionate care to the families and people who need the help of the Coroner's Office. I will also continue to work closely with law enforcement, fire, and mental health professionals through mutual cooperation, education, and communication.

I wholeheartedly support Republican Party principles and particularly those outlined in the Geauga County GOP Platform document.

PROBATE/JUVENILE COUNTY JUDGE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS



Timothy J. Grendell

Resident of Chesterland
List Elected Position(s) held: Geauga
County Probate/Juvenile Court Judge
(incumbent); State Representative;
State Senator; Geauga Republican Party

Central/Executive Committees

Executive Boards: National College of Probate Judges (NCPJ); Ohio Association of Juvenile Court Judges (OAJCJ) - President; Ohio Association of Probate Judges (OAPJ) - 2nd Vice President; Ohio Judicial Conference (OJC); Juvenile Detention Center; Presiding Judge of the Geauga County Common Pleas Court (3x); Ohio Prison Oversight Commission; Chair, Ohio Senate Criminal Justice Committee; Faculty; Ohio Supreme Court Judicial College; Ohio Supreme Court Rules of Superintendence Committee

Past Professional Experience: Captain, U.S. Army JAG Corps - Faculty U.S. Army JAG School Special Detail, DOJ - U.S. Senate Armed Services Committee; Partner at Jones, Dry, Reavis & Pogue and other firms; State Representative; State Senator

Education: Master of Laws (LLM), University of Virginia Law School; Juris Doctorate (JD), Case Western Reserve School of Law (top 10%); Bachelor of Arts (BA), Johns Carroll University

Bio: Husband of Diane Grendell, with two children, 3 grandchildren. Member of American Legion, Chagrin Valley Rotary, West Geauga Kiwanis, Geauga Farm Bureau, Geauga Bar Association, Geauga Historical Society, and Italian American Brotherhood.

COMMITTEE BY REPUBLICAN PARTY CHIEF



Matthew Ramba

Resident of: Russell Township
Current Occupation and Employer:
Associate Attorney, Freching & Freching
LLC; Certified Guardian Ad Litem
Past Professional Experience:

Associate Attorney, Collins & Scanlon
LLP June 2018 - September 2019; Staff Attorney, Cuyahoga
County Common Pleas Court; Judge Maureen Chaney
(December 2016 - June 2018, Judge Richard J. McDonough
(September 2011 - December 2016); Magistrate, Court of
Claims of Ohio (May 2010 - March 2013)

Education: The Ohio State University Moritz College of
Law, Juris Doctor (2005); The Ohio State University, Bachelor
of Science in Electrical and Computer Engineering (2002)

Bio: Deciding where to establish my family permanently,
my wife and I chose to raise our two sons in Geauga County,
not far from where her father grew up. Our sons will attend
West Geauga's Schools from kindergarten through graduation,
and undoubtedly earn a complete and robust education. Active
in the Geauga County community at large, my family and I
are members of the Geauga Historical Society and I am
a member of the Geauga County Township Association. I
maintain strong ties to my alma mater as a life member of
the Ohio State University Alumni Association and serve on
the Board of Directors of the Ohio State Alumni Club of
Greater Cleveland. Professionally, I am a member of the
Gauga County Bar Association, the John M. Manos Inn
of Court, and the Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association.
Additionally, I served as a "Reader," reading exams for the
Ohio State Bar Examination in 2019.

Contact: www.rambaforgeauga.com, matramba@rambaforgeauga.com, Facebook: @rambaforgeauga

I am seeking office out of a strong desire to serve the
community that I love and in which I have chosen to raise
my children.

I am seeking the Bench to restore
faith in the Probate/Juvenile Court and return civility to its
operation. My desire is to reestablish a position of respect
and prominence in the community for the Court, and to
foster a return to collaboration with the various stakeholders
in Geauga County, including County agencies and elected
officials. My pledge is to return the Probate/Juvenile Court
to its intended role as a nonpartisan arbiter of justice.

Last 2-3 very specific goals you will strive to achieve if
elected. I will restore fiscal conservatism to the Probate/
Juvenile Court. Over the past nine years, spending by the
Probate/Juvenile Court has become increasingly wasteful and
unmanageable. The Probate/Juvenile Court must return to
responsible fiscal habits and be more judicious when spending
the precious financial resources entrusted to it through the
hard-earned dollars of Geauga County taxpayers. In order
to rein in spending, the Court must work cooperatively with
the County Commissioners, the Geauga County Prosecutor,
the Geauga County Auditor, and the County's various law
enforcement agencies. Additionally, many of the "programs"
for Juveniles offered and supported by the Court are duplicative
or overlap programs already offered by agencies and
entities in the County. The Probate/Juvenile Court should
work cooperatively with Ravenwood, the Family First
Council, Catholic Charities, and other stakeholders to offer
support for Geauga's families without duplicating efforts.
With respect to the Geauga Park District, if elected Judge
I will appoint Park Board Commissioners I can trust with
backgrounds in conservation, as well as business, to ensure
that the Park District maintains its statutory duty to preserve
and protect Geauga County's precious natural resources.
After the appointment of such commissioners, I will remove
myself from any further direct management of the Geauga
Park District except as necessary by law and allow them to
operate autonomously.

Do you support Republican Party principles as outlined
in our platform?: As a Judge, I would take an oath to be
fair and impartial. However, personally, I fully support the
Gauga County Republican Party Platform.

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RAMBO for Judge

November 15, 2019

Commissioner Ralph Spidaliere
10100 Sherman Rd
Chardon, OH 44024

Dear Commissioner Spidaliere,

Thank you for serving our community and our party as Commissioner and as a member of the Geauga County Republican Central Committee. I look forward to working with you to defend our values of limited government and fiscal responsibility in the coming months as I seek our party's nomination for Probate/Juvenile Court Judge. Please allow me to briefly introduce myself and my platform.

A lifelong Ohioan, I grew up in Maumee, a town outside of Toledo. I graduated from The Ohio State University with a Bachelors of Science in Electrical & Computer Engineering and attained my Juris Doctorate from The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law. Upon graduation, I worked as a Staff Attorney for the Ohio Court of Claims and was quickly promoted to Magistrate. As Magistrate, I handled roughly one hundred cases per year, including many cases involving contract law, assault and battery, false imprisonment, and personal injury. Serving as Magistrate for nearly seven years, I gained a deep and broad understanding of the law and the judicial system. I further grew in my appreciation for the law as a Staff Attorney for the Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court, serving two judges over a five-year period. I recently transitioned to private practice, where I serve a broad spectrum of clients in various applications and areas of the law.

When searching for our "forever home," my wife and I chose to move to Geauga County because there is no better place to raise our children and grow our family. As residents of Russell Township, we look forward to sending our children to West Geauga Schools and raising them with the values that define Geauga County - personal accountability, hard work, self-reliance, integrity, and respect. I am committed to these values, which is why I seek to serve you as our next Probate/Juvenile Court Judge.

My goal in running for Geauga County Probate/Juvenile Court Judge is to restore faith in the Court. We are all aware of the issues that have plagued the Court in the last several years. I commit to you that I will restore the Court to its intended role as a nonpartisan arbiter of justice. I pledge to hire only the most qualified candidates for all essential positions, and to eliminate positions not necessary to the efficient administration of the Court.

I will greatly curtail wasteful spending by the Court, significantly reducing promotional expenditures and what can only be described as advertising for the normal functions and duties of the Court. I will bring fiscal conservatism to the Court and be far more judicious in

spending the precious financial resources entrusted to it through your hard-earned tax dollars and court fees collected.

I pledge to work with the other elected officials that the citizens of Geauga County have chosen to govern them. If a dispute does arise, I will work tirelessly to resolve it amicably, without threats, intimidation, or lawsuits. We need and deserve a Judge that exhibits a calm, deliberative temperament in all interactions. I will strive to be that Judge.

As an ardent outdoorsman, I love our county parks and spend much of my free time exploring them with my family. I commit to you that I will be a loyal steward of the Geauga Park District and will not micromanage the professional park staff. I will seek well-qualified Geauga citizens to serve on the Park Board and allow them to complete a full term. I will also allow public comment and free expression at Park Board meetings; after all, the parks belong to all the citizens of Geauga County. I will protect our parks - natural gems that rival any in the state - and ensure they remain intact for future generations to enjoy.

Finally, I want to address my party affiliation, an issue sure to arise during the campaign. While I previously ran for Common Pleas Judge as a Democrat, I have been a registered Republican for most of my voting life. I became affiliated with the Democrat Party in 2017, when I voted a Democrat ballot to support a dear friend in their primary campaign. Through the quirks of Ohio's voter registration system, I then became a registered Democrat. Prior to 2017, I voted a Republican ballot and remained a registered Republican. I am not switching parties just to run for office, but rather am coming home to the party I have always identified with most strongly.

I believe I am uniquely qualified for the task at hand, and look forward to your support as I seek to restore faith in the Geauga County Probate/Juvenile Court. It is time we have a Judge we can be proud of, and I commit to you that I will be that Judge. I hope I can count on your support.

Enclosed is an invitation to my upcoming fundraiser at Bass Lake Tavern. If you agree that we need to restore faith in the Geauga County Probate/Juvenile Court, and we deserve a Judge we can be proud of, I hope you will join me.

Sincerely,



Matthew Rambo
Candidate, Geauga County Probate/Juvenile Judge

FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

MATTHEW RAMBO

5024 DIERKER RD, COLUMBUS OH 43220

REGISTERED: 10/10/2006

FORMER NAME:

PARTY: DEMOCRAT

NAME: RAMBO, MATTHEW

DATE OF BIRTH: 1979

STATUS: MERGED

RESIDENCE: 5024 DIERKER RD #B3, COLUMBUS OH 43220

MAILING

ADDRESS: USE RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

DISTRICTS ASSOCIATED WITH PRECINCT	106306.01	DISTRICT TYPE
1.00 COUNTY (FRANKLIN)		COUNTY
2.00 SENATE (16TH)		SENATE
3.00 CONGRESSIONAL (16TH)		CONGRESSIONAL
4.01 HOUSE (24TH)		HOUSE
5.01 STATE COURT OF APPEALS (10TH STATE COURT OF APPEALS)		STATE COURT OF APPEALS
6.01 STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION (8TH)		STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
20.00 CITY (COLUMBUS)		CITY
21.40 VILLAGE (NONE)		VILLAGE
30.01 TOWNSHIP (NONE)		TOWNSHIP
40.00 SCHOOL CODE (COLUMBUS CSD)		SCHOOL CODE
50.00 PARK DISTRICT (NONE)		PARK DISTRICT
60.00 LIBRARY DIST (COLS METRO LIBRARY DIST)		MACRO LIBRARY DIST
61.00 EDUCATIONAL SERVICE CENTER (NONE)		MACRO SCHOOL CODE A
62.00 CAREER TECH (NONE)		MACRO SCHOOL CODE B
70.00 POLICE (NONE)		POLICE
80.00 ROAD (NONE)		ROAD
90.00 FIRE DISTRICT (NONE)		FIRE DISTRICT
100.07 CCC REPRESENTATION (COLS 63)		CCC REPRESENTATION
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VOTING HISTORY

ELECTION DATE / NAME	AFFILIATION	PRECINCT	STATUS	
05/07/2019	2019 PARTISAN/SPECIAL PRIMARY ELECTION	DEMOCRAT	106306.01	NOT ELIGIBLE
11/06/2018	2018 GENERAL ELECTION 11/6/2018		106306.01	NOT ELIGIBLE
08/07/2018	2018 SPECIAL ELECTION 8/7/2018		106306.01	NOT ELIGIBLE
05/08/2018	2018 PRIMARY ELECTION 5/8/2018	DEMOCRAT	106306.01	NOT ELIGIBLE
11/07/2017	2017 GENERAL ELECTION 11/7/2017		106306.01	NOT ELIGIBLE
08/08/2017	2017 SPECIAL ELECTION 8/8/2017		106306.01	NOT ELIGIBLE
05/02/2017	2017 PRIMARY/SPECIAL 5/2/2017	DEMOCRAT	106306.01	NOT ELIGIBLE
11/08/2016	2016 GENERAL ELECTION 11/8/2016		106306.01	NOT ELIGIBLE
08/23/2016	2016 UA SPECIAL ELECTION 8/23/2016		106306.01	NOT ELIGIBLE
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11/04/2014	2014 GENERAL ELECTION 11/4/2014		106306.01	NOT ELIGIBLE
08/05/2014	2014 SPECIAL ELECTION 8/5/2014		106306.01	NOT ELIGIBLE
05/06/2014	2014 PRIMARY ELECTION 5/6/2014	DEMOCRAT	106306.01	NOT ELIGIBLE
02/04/2014	2014 SPECIAL ELECTION 2/4/2014		106306.01	NOT ELIGIBLE
11/05/2013	2013 GENERAL ELECTION 11/5/2013		106306.01	NOT ELIGIBLE
05/07/2013	2013 PRIMARY/SPECIAL ELECTION 5/7/13	DEMOCRAT	106306.01	NOT ELIGIBLE
11/06/2012	2012 GENERAL ELECTION 11/6/2012		106306.01	NOT ELIGIBLE
08/07/2012	2012 SPECIAL ELECTION - 8/7/2012		106306.01	NOT ELIGIBLE
03/06/2012	2012 PRIMARY ELECTION 3/6/2012	DEMOCRAT	106306.01	NOT ELIGIBLE
11/08/2011	2011 GENERAL ELECTION 11/8/2011		106306.01	NOT ELIGIBLE
08/02/2011	2011 SPECIAL ELECTION 8/2/2011		106306.01	NOT ELIGIBLE
05/03/2011	2011 PRIMARY/SPECIAL ELECTION 5/3/2011	DEMOCRAT	106306.01	NOT ELIGIBLE
11/02/2010	2010 GENERAL ELECTION 11/02/2010		106306.01	NOT ELIGIBLE
08/03/2010	2010 AUGUST SPECIAL ELECTION 8/3/2010		106306.01	NOT ELIGIBLE
05/04/2010	2010 PRIMARY ELECTION 5/4/2010	DEMOCRAT	106306.01	VOTED

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Run Date:05/24/18 Primary Election

VOTES PERCENT

PRECINCTS COUNTED (OF 78)	78	100.00
REGISTERED VOTERS - TOTAL	65,868	
BALLOTS CAST - TOTAL	20,399	
BALLOTS CAST - DEMOCRATIC	5,766	28.27
BALLOTS CAST - GREEN	60	.29
BALLOTS CAST - REPUBLICAN	12,695	62.23
BALLOTS CAST - NONPARTISAN	1,878	9.21
VOTER TURNOUT - TOTAL		30.97

***** (Democratic) *****

Governor and Lieutenant Governor

VOTE FOR 1		
Richard Cordray/Betty Sutton	3,430	61.77
Larry E. Ealy/Jeffrey Lynn	31	.56
Dennis John Kucinich/Tara L. Samples	1,584	28.53
Bill O'Neill/Chantelle C. Lewis	229	4.12
Paul E. Ray/Jerry M. Schroeder	43	.77
Joe Schiavoni/Stephanie Dodd	236	4.25

Attorney General

VOTE FOR 1		
Steve Dettelbach	4,223	100.00

Auditor of State

VOTE FOR 1		
Zack Space	4,090	100.00

Secretary of State

VOTE FOR 1		
Kathleen Clyde	4,166	100.00

Treasurer of State

VOTE FOR 1		
Rob Richardson	4,087	100.00

United States Senator

VOTE FOR 1		
Sherrod Brown	5,056	100.00

Representative to Congress (14th District)

VOTE FOR 1		
Betsy Rader	4,400	100.00

Justice of the Supreme Court (Term 1/1/19)

VOTE FOR 1		
Michael P. Donnelly	4,111	100.00

Justice of the Supreme Court (Term 1/2/19)

VOTE FOR 1

Melody J. Stewart. 4,042 100.00

Judge of the Court of Appeals (11th District, 2/9/19)

VOTE FOR 1

WRITE-IN: Darya Klammer. 464 100.00

Judge of the Court of Appeals (11th District, 2/10/19)

VOTE FOR 1

Mary Jane Trapp 4,210 100.00

Member of State Central Comm, Man (18th District)

VOTE FOR 1

Brad Cromes. 582 20.60

Kevin Malecek 1,273 45.06

Christopher J. Mallin 970 34.34

Member of State Cent Comm, Woman (18th District)

VOTE FOR 1

Kathleen Clyde. 1,481 49.58

Melissa M. Long 1,506 50.42

Member of State Central Comm, Man (32nd District)

VOTE FOR 1

Tom Letson 211 25.58

Sean J. O'Brien 614 74.42

Member of State Cent Comm, Woman (32nd District)

VOTE FOR 1

Dawn P. Cantalamessa. 310 37.99

Carol J. Holmes 506 62.01

State Representative (76th District)

VOTE FOR 1

John P. Kennedy 3,254 100.00

State Representative (99th District)

VOTE FOR 1

John Patterson. 935 100.00

**Judge of the Court of Common Pleas
(Full term commencing 1/1/2019)**

VOTE FOR 1

Matthew Rambo 3,967 100.00

County Commissioner

VOTE FOR 1

Anita Blue Marlowe 4,031 100.00

County Auditor

VOTE FOR 1

WRITE-IN: Garrett Westhoven 411 100.00



SUPPORT GOP CANDIDATES

The Nov. 6 election will be one of the most important elections we've had in many years. Although our President is not on the ballot, the agenda the American people voted for in 2016 is at great risk.

Historically, midterm elections have not been in favor of sitting presidents and I am asking for you to help change that statistic.

The past few weeks we have seen what the Democrats have done to a fine Supreme Court nominee whom both former President George W. Bush and President Donald Trump support. The committee hearings have been a disgrace and also a wakeup call as to what extremes the Democrat Party will go in order to gain political power. Sen. Lindsey Graham made that very clear in his remarks during last week's committee hearings.

Locally, we have some contested three-way races that could help elect Democrats.

David Ondrey, our Republican judicial candidate for Common Pleas Court, has two opponents: Matt Rambo is a registered Democrat and ran as one in their 2018 primary; the other candidate is Bob Umholtz, who has lived most of his life in LAKE County and only moved here very recently.

Mr. Umholtz has friends here since he has worked as the County Public Defender for many years. However, votes for him could split between Ondrey and himself and help to elect Mr. Rambo.

Mr. Umholtz does not have the support of our party. I ask that you vote for David Ondrey who has lived and worked in Geauga County most of his life, and he is better qualified than either of the other two candidates.

Jim Dvorak is our Republican candidate for County Commissioner. He also has a three-way race and, again, splitting those votes may help to elect a Democrat. I ask for you to support Jim Dvorak who is, without a doubt, the most qualified and best candidate to represent us.

At our Executive Committee meeting this past Saturday, Sept. 29, we endorsed ALL of our Republican candidates and also Sarah Fowler for State Board of Education. In addition, we voted to OPPOSE State Issue 1 and to SUPPORT Issue 6 for the County Health District Renewal Levy.

I ask that you support our GOP candidates by displaying yard signs. If you vote early, come and help us at our office and at the polls on election day. We are a 100 percent volunteer organization and cannot be successful without your help. Call us at 440-253-9677 or visit GeaugaGOP.com to request signs, volunteer, read about our candidates and print out a GOP voting slate card.

Nancy McArthur

Geauga County Republican Party Chairman

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Geauga Democrats

Donate



Matt Rambo is our candidate for Judge. Next Judgeship up is held by Tim Grendell.

Geauga needs the dynamic energy and wisdom of Matt Rambo. Matt has agreed to be a candidate for Judge in Geauga County until elected. Next judge up for election in Geauga is Tim Grendell.

Time & Location

Nov 25, 2018, 4:00 PM – 06:00 PM
Manga Manga Restaurant on Rt 87, 11000 Kinsman Rd, Newbury Township, OH 44041
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Statement of Contributions Received

Form 31-A

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Full Name of Committee Rambo for Judge				
Full Name of Contributor Geauga County Democratic Party Judicial Fund			Registration Number, if PAC	
Street Address 12420 Kinsman Rd		Employer/Occupation/Labor Organization*		Form (Cash, Check, etc.) Check
City Newbury	State OH	Zip Code 44065	Date (MM/DD/YYYY) 12/19/2018	Amount \$2,250.00
Full Name of Contributor Mueller, James			Registration Number, if PAC	
Street Address 7939 Kinsman Rd		Employer/Occupation/Labor Organization*		Form (Cash, Check, etc.) Check
City Novelty	State OH	Zip Code 44072	Date (MM/DD/YYYY) 01/04/2019	Amount \$100.00
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Street Address 12075 Taylor Wells Rd		Employer/Occupation/Labor Organization*		Form (Cash, Check, etc.) Check
City Chardon	State OH	Zip Code 44024	Date (MM/DD/YYYY) 01/10/2019	Amount \$100.00
Full Name of Contributor Henry, Charles			Registration Number, if PAC	
Street Address 12 FOREST LN		Employer/Occupation/Labor Organization*		Form (Cash, Check, etc.) Paypal
City CHAGRIN FALLS	State OH	Zip Code 44022	Date (MM/DD/YYYY) 10/08/2019	Amount \$100.00
Full Name of Contributor Modroo, Mary			Registration Number, if PAC	
Street Address 13634 Northwood Rd		Employer/Occupation/Labor Organization*		Form (Cash, Check, etc.) Paypal
City Novelty	State OH	Zip Code 44072	Date (MM/DD/YYYY) 10/08/2019	Amount \$100.00

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