

Right to Life of Greater Cincinnati, Inc.

JUDICIAL CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE 2012

A candidate's position on life issues is important to pro-life voters. Whether sponsoring legislation, setting policy, or making public statements, the candidates we elect are crucial for promoting the sanctity of life. Please identify your positions on the following issues.

Candidate Name: Dennis S. Helmick

Candidate Signature: *Dennis Helmick*

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Position and District Sought: Judge of the Hamilton County Court of Common Pleas

Have you previously held any public office? Please specify: Elected to the Hamilton County Municipal Ct. in 1989 & 1995 and Common Pleas Court in 2000 and 2006.

1. Which former U.S. president's political philosophy best matches your own?

- Gerald Ford Jimmy Carter Bill Clinton George H.W. Bush
 Ronald Reagan George W. Bush Barack H. Obama Other (please specify)

2. Which U.S. Supreme Court Justice's legal philosophy best matches your own?

- Roberts Stevens Scalia Kennedy Thomas
 Ginsburg Breyer Alito Sotomayor Other (please specify)

3. Rate your judicial philosophy regarding the U.S. Constitution on a scale of 1-10 with "living/evolving document" being 1 and "strict constructionist" being a 10:

1 2 3 4 5 6 **7** 8 9 10

4. In *Roe v. Wade*, 410 U.S. 113 (1973), the U.S. Supreme Court recognized a "right to privacy" under the Constitution that includes abortion. The Constitution does not include this right.

- Agree
 Disagree
 Undecided

Comments: The word "Privacy" is not found in the Constitution
As a Judge, I must follow the law.

5. Judges should refrain from "legislating from the bench." The translation of public policy into law and the creation, extension, modification or limitation of citizens' rights (and governmental authority) are properly within the province of the legislative, not judicial, branch of government.

- Agree
- Disagree
- Undecided

Comments: Notwithstanding, ultimate justice is required, for example Loving vs. Virginia and Brown vs. Board of Education of Topeka

6. An unborn child is biologically human at every stage of his or her biological development, beginning at fertilization.

- Agree
- Disagree
- Undecided

Comments:

7. The law should be applied to pro-life demonstrators in the same manner as is applied to environmental, anti-war and labor demonstrators.

- Agree
- Disagree
- Undecided

Comments:

8. There is no provision in the current Ohio Constitution intended to require the use of public funds for abortion.

- Agree
- Disagree
- Undecided

Comments:

A search of the current Ohio Constitution does not mention "abortion".

9. List all organizations to which you have contributed time or money in the past four years.

St. Mary and St Rose Churches; St. Xavier High School and Xavier University; Univ of Cincinnati College of Law; Cincinnati Opera; Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers; St. Vincent DePaul Society; Freestore Foodbank; Goodwill; Rice and The Ohio State Universities; and others

