

## Cleveland Municipal Court needs applicants for vacant judgeship

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CLEVELAND -- Applicants are needed to fill a vacant seat in Cleveland Municipal Court. The seat has been vacant since Judge Larry Jones joined the 8th Ohio District Court in February.

Applicants must be a resident and registered voter in Cleveland or Bratenahl; younger than 70; licensed to practice law in Ohio; held a law license for six years prior to taking the job or served as a judge anywhere in the U. S.

To keep the seat, the appointee must run in the November 2009 general election.

Get application details at the [Ohio Judicial Appointments Recommendation Panel's Web site](#).  
Questions? Call 614-466-3555.

The deadline is 5 p.m. March 19. Interviews will be March 26 in Columbus before a panel appointed by Governor Ted Strickland:

- David B. Dawson, deputy director of the Legal Aid Society of Cleveland
- Rose Rodriguez Bardwell, executive director of the Spanish American Committee
- Robert J. Triozzi, director of the Cleveland Department of Law
- Gerome E. Dowling, Chief of the Criminal Division of the Cuyahoga County Prosecutor's Office
- Tony Charles, director of CTPartners
- Jim Astorino, president of Northern Ohio Fire Fighters
- James Ray, retired judge, Lucas County Court of Common Pleas Juvenile Division
- John Kulewicz, attorney with Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease, LLP
- Derric D. McDonald, Dayton police officer
- Meg Flack, board member of the Ohio League of Women Voters
- Joy Malek Oldfield, partner at Hill Hardman Oldfield in Akron

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**bestbud says...**

I hope they base the appointment on actual qualifications and ability to serve versus political affiliations...There are a few names on the list that seem to be of the latter persuasion.

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**bluestateguy says...**

I see maybe two or three people on that list who would actually make a good judge. With that being said, whoever gets the job is not going to have much of an impact on one of the most incompetent and corrupt courts in all of Ohio.

The Cleveland Municipal Court can't even bring their system into the 21st century. They don't have an online database for their court records like almost every other court out there and two years ago, we were told they signed a contract with CourtView and were in the process of bringing the system online with the first phase due in a few months. Well, that few months is now two years and nothing there, what a surprise.

I could spend an entire day describing this incompetent kangaroo court since I know many people, myself included, who have had to deal with them. Word of advice, avoid them at all costs.

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