

JUDICIAL CANDIDATES RATING COALITION
REQUEST FOR BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION
FROM JUDICIAL CANDIDATES

This form seeks information about you that will be posted on the Judge4Yourself.com website with its ratings. Please complete and return this form and a black and white photograph of yourself before your scheduled interview. Each Candidate is responsible to provide accurate information, to review the information when posted and to advise the JCRC promptly of any correction required to that candidate's posted information.

Name: Karen Kelly Kraus

Current City of Residence: Rocky River Date and Place of Birth: 2/17/1960 Cleveland, OH

Undergraduate School and Degree (Year of Graduation): Miami University 1982, B.A. Political Science, B.S. Communication

Law School (Year of Graduation): Cleveland Marshall College of Law, 1985, J.D.

Other Graduate School, if any, and Degree (Year of Graduation): _____

Year Admitted to Practice in Ohio: 1985 Number of Years Engaged in Practice of Law in Ohio 38
(excluding Judicial Service)

Other Court(s) to Which You Are Admitted & Year(s): _____

Number of Years Engaged in Practice of Law in any State (excluding Judicial Service): 38

Briefly describe your areas of practice: I have maintained a general practice handling wills and estates, personal injury, forcible entry and municipal criminal and traffic cases.

Summarize your experience, if any, before the court to which you seek election: I have been a civil and criminal magistrate at the Court since 2016, presiding over eviction hearings, civil, small claims and traffic trials, pretrial and arraignments.

Service as judge in state or federal court of record (identify position, court and years of service): _____

Current Position and Employer (number of years in this position): Rocky River Municipal Court - Magistrate since 2016 , Cuyahoga County Public Library Fairview Park Branch- Part-time Reference Staff since 2001

Previous Employment and Dates: Sole practitioner and practice in conjunction with Kraus and Associates, LLC, 1987- present, Grange Mutual Insurance, Attorney-Adjuster, 1986-1988, Hyland and Hyland Co., LPA, Law Clerk 1983-1985

List no more than five of your significant community or charitable activities:
Ohio Association of Magistrates, Ohio State Bar Association
West Shore Bar Association, St. Christopher Church parishioner
Former Trustee of the Rocky River Public Library Foundation Board,