

QUESTIONS AND CONSIDERATIONS
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I. WHAT IS THE OHIO COURT OF APPEALS?

The Ohio Courts of Appeals are courts that hear appeals from the decisions of municipal courts and all 5 divisions of common pleas courts- criminal, civil, domestic, juvenile, and probate. All persons dissatisfied with the results of their trial have the right to have their appeal heard by the Court of Appeals with the exception that the State may not appeal an acquittal in a criminal case. There are some cases that originate in the Court of Appeals, but they are rare.

II. ARE THERE COURT OF APPEALS DISTRICTS?

Yes. The State of Ohio is divided into 12 Court of Appeals districts of roughly equal population. The districts vary from 1 county to 17 counties.

III. WHAT DISTRICT ARE WE IN?

The Second Appellate District is comprised of all of Champaign, Clark, Darke, Greene, Miami, and Montgomery Counties.

IV. HOW LARGE IS OUR DISTRICT?

The Second Appellate District covers over 2700 square miles and has a population of over 1,030,000 people slightly over half of whom live in Montgomery County.

V. HOW MANY JUDGES ARE ON THE COURT OF APPEALS?

The numbers vary from 3 to 9 members per district. The Second Appellate District has 5 judges, four of whom are from Montgomery County. The remaining judge, who is from Springfield, is retiring.

VI. HOW ARE JUDGES SELECTED IN OHIO?

All State judges in Ohio are elected to six year terms. Ohio has a partisan primary but a non-partisan general election for judges meaning that a judge's party affiliation is not placed on the ballot in the general election.

VII. WHAT IS DARRELL'S JUDICIAL PHILOSOPHY?

All cases must be decided fairly and impartially by applying the law to the facts of the cases. That being said you may listen to Darrell explain his judicial philosophy in the following blog: Not currently ready.

VIII. WHAT CAN I DO TO HELP DARRELL?

(A) Vote! If you reside in the Second Appellate District and will be 18 by November 6, 2012 you may register to vote now and vote in the general election, and if you choose the Democratic ballot the primary on March 6, 2012. This is the only race on the March ballot in the Democratic Primary in much of the district.

(B) Volunteer. We will need volunteers to e-mail or call friends in the district and to volunteer to distribute literature and signs and to write letters on Darrell's behalf.

(C) Contribute. You may contribute to the campaign. Needless to say media is expensive, but necessary to reach to voters in this district. Send contributions to the Heckman for Judge Committee, Diane Kremer treasurer, 127 West Court Street, Urbana, Ohio 43078. It is unethical for Darrell to personally solicit or personally receive your contribution.

