

Get to know Supreme Court candidates

The names of judges are often unknown until too late when their decisions adversely impact us. Given gerrymandering and concern over women's reproductive rights and healthcare, I spent time reviewing judges. We Ohioans can vote for two Supreme Court seats and choose who will lead as the new chief justice this fall. If you believe that Ohio needs change, learn more.

The two trailblazing new candidates, Terri Jamison and Marilyn Zayas, advocate for change. One example is creating a criminal sentencing database across Ohio courts. If elected, Zayas would be the first Latina, and Jamison would be the third Black woman on the high court. Jamison spent her early years as a union coal Worker but now brings years of legal expertise at the trial and appellate level and currently serves on the Tenth District Court of Appeals. Zayas, with working-class roots, now sits on the 10th District Court of Appeals and has the experience of being selected by Ohio's Chief Justice to join the Ohio Supreme Court for a justice who was recused.

Then, please consider a vote for Jennifer L. Brunner for chief justice. She was elected to the the court in 2020 and served as Ohio's first woman secretary of state (2006-2010). She was recognized by a bipartisan committee with the John F. Kennedy Profile in Courage Award for leadership in election integrity while serving as secretary of state. She brings this same bipartisan work to her role as an associate justice, but let's put her in leadership and choose her as chief justice.

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