

CINCINNATI BAR ASSOCIATION
APPELLATE PRACTICE COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING 8/8/16 12:00 Noon
CBA MEETING ROOM

Attendance: Richard Magnus, Chair; Molly Leonard, Vice Chair; Mark Klusmeier, Secretary; Keith Sauter, CLE Coordinator, Alex Durst, Chuck Strain, Colter Paulson, Hon. Peter Stautberg, Judge 1st Dist. Ct. of Appeals; Hon. Cynthia Rice, Judge 11th Dist. Ct. of Appeals, Liz Shirey.

The meeting was called to order at 12:05 pm. by Chair Richard Magnus. Normal Agenda items were postponed to the end of meeting to respect the time of our guests.

The Chair advised the committee that regrets for unavailability for various reasons were received from several of the current judicial candidates who had been invited to address the committee. Judge Myers specifically desired the chair to share her apologies and disappointment that she was previously booked elsewhere.

The Chair then welcomed the two judicial candidates who accepted the committee's invitation to attend and speak. Judge Cynthia Rice is seeking a seat on the Ohio Supreme Court this fall. She is a veteran judge with the 11th District Court of Appeals in NE Ohio. After law school at Akron, Judge Rice joined the Trumbull County prosecutor's office, advancing to First Assistant on the criminal side. Thereafter, she served as an Assistant US Attorney in Youngstown, Ohio. Elected to the 11th District Court of Appeals in the fall of 2002, she has served on that bench since. She started the 11th District's mediation project which currently enjoys about a 1 in 3 settlement rate. She has served as a visiting judge on the Ohio Supreme Court, as well as the Second, Seventh, and Ninth District Courts of Appeals, and currently is a member of the Ohio Supreme Court's ad hoc committee on bail reform.

Judge Rice addressed the committee on her judicial philosophy and what she will bring to the Ohio Supreme Court seat to which she seeks election this fall. She then entertained questions for a short period. Her presentation was well received and garnered a round of applause.

Judge Peter Stautberg is running this fall for the balance of the unexpired term to which he was appointed, when Judge Dinkelacker left the Court for his new position. Having been a year and a half on the First District Court of Appeals, he is now well settled in, after a prior career that has included private practice, a period of time as in-house General Counsel with 5/3 Bank, three terms in the Ohio Legislature, and now the bench.

Judge Stautberg also addressed his judicial philosophy and emphasized his experience, both in terms of breadth and depth, as assets to him and to the Court. He entertained questions from those in attendance, and received a round of applause.

After the presentations, the Chair inquired whether there was other business requiring attention at this time. There being none, the meeting was adjourned at 1:46pm.

NEXT MEETING: Monday, November 14, 2016 at 12:00 noon, at the CBA.

Respectfully submitted,
Mark H. Klusmeier, Secretary