

Question	Yes	No	Further Comments
Do you support a regional focus for the Dayton area similar to Indianapolis's "unigov" system? Read more...	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	To the extent this question is limited to the probate court, consolidating duplicative services, collaborating with other state agencies and pooling resources, I support efficient and streamlined government.
Would you support restructuring residential property taxes to be based on the original purchase price of a home rather than appraisals? Read more...	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Not applicable.
Would you support a standard rubric for commercial tax abatement that would ensure that the process is transparent?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Not applicable.
Would you support a single municipal court system for all of Montgomery County similar to how Franklin County operates? Read more...	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Where the concept is not barred legislatively, I support courts collaborating on any matters relating to efficient and fair administration, including docketing, financing and access to records. I have met with elected officials and discussed similar matters already, and am looking forward to moving those discussions towards solutions.
Would you support the creation of a searchable database of campaign donors either through the Montgomery County Board of Elections or the Ohio Secretary of State? Read more...	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Not applicable.
Do you support a ranked voting system?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Not applicable.
Do you support a year-round school year?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Not applicable.
Do you support using tax dollars to subsidize education programs that have no oversight?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Not applicable.

Do you support eliminating redundant administrative positions? Read more...	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	See prior responses and incorporate.
Would you support a state-wide restructuring of counties so that metropolitan do not overlap multiple counties? Read more...	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	See prior responses and incorporate.
Would you support reducing the number of counties so that they oversee a single economic region?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	See prior responses and incorporate.
Would you support electronic databases of public records that can be searched by the public?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	To the extent this question relates to the probate court, I believe in transparency to the greatest extent under the law.

Other information you would like voters to know about your platform:

First, I am certified as an expert in probate law by the Ohio State Bar Association, and have been since 2015. I have practiced probate law since 2005, and have experience litigating matters through the Ohio Supreme Court and Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals. Other background information is here: <https://www.brannonforjudge.com/>.

Second, I want to be responsive to your organization and questionnaire and have thought about administrative issues that need to be addressed in the probate court.

I would focus on communication and collaboration with other agencies in relevant areas, particularly law enforcement and probate court.

The probate court is responsible for establishing and administering guardianships of the person and estate. The probate court also oversees the involuntary commitment process of those mentally ill or disabled, and facilitates institutionalization of certain disabled individuals. The goal has always been to protect rights of the mentally ill, disabled and/or incapacitated, while ensuring the best quality of life in a safe environment. That would not change. The approach administratively may change, however.

Communication should be improved. I would establish an open-door policy with all agencies, governmental and non-governmental, to determine exactly what resources are needed and whether the probate court can provide those resources or help facilitate. For example, in discussions with police command staff and officers, I understand police departments need an open line of communication with the court, particularly around the “revolving door” of mentally ill patients that are jailed. The same occurs with incompetent adults. The jails are not treatment facilities. Each individual jailed should be reviewed with the court or personnel to determine which agency or agencies are needed, especially when the individual and community aren’t necessarily served keeping an inmate on the criminal track. I have had cases where wards were jailed and held, but also under a guardianship. Involving the guardians with any prosecution of wards would have served all parties better than keeping separate cases. A case-by-case approach should be used, but certainly all agencies should know whether the ward already has a pending matter. To expedite

cases, I would ensure law enforcement and other county agencies have 24-7 on-call access to myself or court personnel to assist. There are many other examples where better coordination is needed between courts and agencies.

Next, I would propose a law clinic be established to expand access to the court.

The idea is to provide resources to those that have been denied access to the justice, either because they lack funds to hire lawyers or because there are simply not enough lawyers. A clinic may be staffed by volunteer lawyers, law school students and other nonprofits. The court would not provide legal advice, and the solely administrative tasks would be provided by court personnel. There is certainly reason to coordinate with the law school and non-profit legal assistance organizations that are up at operating, and ensuring the court is not providing legal advice. These programs have been successful and helped a great deal in areas such as filing tax returns, marriage terminations and evictions. I am not aware of any such expansive program in the probate court, although there are some pro se resources available. The types of cases where assistance may be provided are guardianships or small estates. I am willing to invest my time and energy on any ideas that offer better services for less cost.