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My family has a tradition of service spanning three generations. My Grandfather graduated from West Point and after his military service went to work in Washington DC for the US Patent Office. My Dad met my Mother in Washington and after they married he worked as an attorney for what was then called "The War Department". After WWII my parents moved to the Cleveland area when I was 3 years old. My Dad then opened a small law office in Downtown Cleveland. My parents went on to have 9 children! As I was growing up my Dad often told us he provided a problem solving service, just like a plumber or carpenter, he offered legal help to families at a fair price which allowed him to support his growing family. Eventually six of his nine children followed his example and became lawyers!

In 1973 I married my high school sweetheart and went to law school at night while working in a downtown Cleveland bank during the day. In 1980 I passed the bar and was privileged to join my dad and my brother in establishing "Lynch & Lynch" with an office on Public Square in Cleveland. For me it was a lifelong dream that had come true! In 1993 I lost my wife Janie to Leukemia and closed my office in Cleveland. I moved my law practice into the living room of my home in Bainbridge Township so I could be close to my three teenage daughters. These were difficult years but God's grace sustained us! In 1996 I was blessed to meet and marry my wife Laura. Between us we then had five daughters who have all now raised families of their own, blessing us with 11 grandchildren!

Cancer touched us again in 2008 when my wife Laura was diagnosed with Breast Cancer, but God was merciful and her Doctors were wonderful. She beat breast cancer with surgery, chemotherapy and with the prayers of so many of our friends in Northeast Ohio!

Eventually my Dad, brother David and sister Anne, joined me in Bainbridge to re-establish Lynch & Lynch in the Chagrin Valley. I was privileged to practice law with my Dad until he was 94 years old!

In 2006 I decided it was time to get involved in local politics and ran for Bainbridge Township Trustee and was elected to be Chairman of the Board of Trustees. Then in 2012 I was asked to run for the State Legislature and was elected to the Ohio House of representatives where I served until 2014. While in the Legislature I served on the Judiciary Committee, writing the new laws that the Legislature might pass. In 2015 the Columbus Dispatch named me one of the “Top Ten Conservatives” in the Ohio House of Representatives.

In November of 2018 I was elected to the Court of Appeals serving the five Counties of northeast Ohio, ie, Geauga, Lake, Ashtabula, Portage and Trumbull. In addition to my experience as an attorney and legislator I also taught thousands of citizens at free educational seminars across Northeast Ohio. I even hosted my own radio show called “That’s How I see It!” on WHK 1420 radio. As judge I bring 30 years of legal experience to the Court along with the unique experience of serving in the State Legislature where the laws are actually written. With God's grace, I will continue to serve the people of Northeast Ohio as Judge with dignity and a dedication to justice.