

# MATT KREITZER

For Family Court Judge



Dear Stark County Voter,

This fall you will be voting for our next Stark County Family Court Judge, and I would like to take this opportunity to explain why I deserve your vote.

I have been an attorney for 20 years and the majority of that time has been dedicated to family law. I am presently the Chief Magistrate of the Stark County Family Court. Since my appointment to the bench in 2014, I have handled over 12,000 Family Court cases. I am also responsible for assisting the Judges in the administrative operations of the entire court. My opponent this November has never handled even a single family law matter, has never practiced in Family Court, and lacks the administrative understanding of the operations of the court.

Who would you rather vote for, a candidate like myself, who has a thorough understanding of family law, or a candidate like my opponent, with zero family law or Family Court experience? It is critically important to Stark County citizens that the next Family Court Judge is not doing on-the-job training trying to figure out how to handle such things as the division of property in divorces (where parties can own businesses, homes, retirement accounts, and other marital assets and debts) or deciding the best interests of children during custody/visitation or abuse, neglect, and dependency cases. Lack of experience causes time delays in cases and leaves parties with uncertainty. You deserve a Judge with thorough knowledge and years of experience.

Aside from my professional qualifications, I am also a family man with lived experience. I know what it is like to have a marriage come to an end. I know what it's like to be in Family Court, both on the bench as a decision maker and as a party seeking the help of the court. Having remarried, and raised my stepchildren, I understand the challenges that people can face when blending families. My life experience has provided me with empathy and compassion when considering the issues that come before me and give me the proper temperament when making decisions in family law matters.

Having been an attorney in private practice, an attorney with the public defender office, a child support attorney, and having been on the bench in Family Court for the last 10 years, I am the only candidate running for Judge of the Family Court with the experience, knowledge, and qualifications to take the bench. The newly elected Judge will have to be ready to hit the ground running as there are currently hearings and trials being set on that Judge's docket as of the time you are reading this letter. I will be ready to take the bench on day one.

Please consider following my social media accounts (Facebook and Instagram @kreitzer for Family Court Judge) or visiting my website ([www.kreitzerforfamilycourtjudge.com](http://www.kreitzerforfamilycourtjudge.com) or [www.kreitzerforjudge.com](http://www.kreitzerforjudge.com)).

I enjoy speaking with voters and welcome conversation about why I am the best choice to be our next Stark County Family Court Judge. Vote **Matt Kreitzer** for Family Court Judge.

Chief Magistrate Matt Kreitzer