

OSCPA endorses French, Kennedy for Ohio Supreme Court

OSCPA staff report

The Ohio Society of CPAs has announced its endorsements of Justice Judith French and Justice Sharon Kennedy for the Ohio Supreme Court.

OSCPA's 19-member Statewide Endorsement Screening Committee and 15-member Executive Board separately evaluated the candidates before unanimously endorsing French and Kennedy, both of whom are running for re-election in November.

Members of the seven-member Ohio Supreme Court are elected on a non-partisan basis for six-year terms. The Court's decisions can have a significant impact on Ohio's economy, health care, education and our state's ability to maintain a stable legal environment, which is critical to business owners as they plan for the future. When you go to vote, remember KFC: Kennedy and French for the Court.



Justice Judith French

"Justice French has a clear understanding of need for predictability on the issues that come before her, as well as the impact her decisions can and do have on Ohioans and Ohio businesses," said OSCPAs President and CEO Scott D. Wiley,

CAE. "Those factors, combined with her impressive history of strict interpretation of the law, make her an excellent jurist. We are proud to formally endorse Justice French for another term on the Ohio Supreme Court."

French was appointed to the Ohio Supreme Court in 2013 to replace Evelyn Lundberg Stratton, who resigned. She was elected to her first full Ohio Supreme Court term in 2014. She previously served as deputy director for legal affairs for the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, as an assistant attorney general and as counsel to the governor.



Justice Sharon Kennedy

Kennedy first joined the court in 2012, having been elected to fill an unexpired term. She was re-elected to a full term in 2014. She previously served at the Butler County Court of Common Pleas, Domestic Relations Division beginning in

1999, then served as the administrative judge of that division from 2005 through 2012.

"Justice Kennedy adheres to the important principle of judicial fairness and has long maintained a commitment to the rule of law," Wiley said. "She has a solid record of impartiality during her tenure with the Supreme Court and clearly understands the impact her decisions have on Ohioans and Ohio businesses. OSCPAs strongly supports her reelection in November."

For more information on additional endorsements, go to ohiocpa.com. If you have questions about these candidates or want to know more about the endorsement process, please contact the government relations team, at government@ohiocpa.com.