



TALKING POINTS

- Judge Peter M. Sikora is the Democratic candidate for Justice of the Ohio Supreme Court (Term Beginning January 2, 2009).
- Judge Sikora has served for 19 years on the Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas, Juvenile Division.
- Prior to his appointment to the bench, Peter Sikora served as:
 - Deputy Director and General Counsel for the Ohio Department of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities
 - Deputy Legal Counsel to Governor Richard Celeste and judicial law clerk for the Ohio Court of Appeals.
- He is a graduate of Case Western Reserve University School of Law, Baldwin-Wallace College (Summa Cum Laude) and Cuyahoga Community College.
- Judge Peter M. Sikora is running for Supreme Court Justice because he feels passionately that our system of government works best when there are checks and balances.
- Currently all seven members of the Ohio Supreme Court are Republican.
 - He doesn't think any citizen is served well by a one party court
- Recent opinions from the Supreme Court have limited our right to a jury trial, approved caps on damage awards and protected manufactures from being sued for products that cause harm or even death, a mere 10 years after delivering defective equipment.
 - In a dissenting opinion, one member of the Supreme Court, Justice Paul Pfeifer, wrote that...
*"Instead of jealously safeguarding the right to trial by jury, the majority opinion in this case eviscerates it..."*¹
 - In discussing the judgment that protects companies from being sued, Justice Pfeifer exclaimed:
*"It is hard to decide what is more offensive about the majority opinion...how it arrives at its decision or what the decision means for Ohioans."*²

¹ Arbino v. Johnson & Johnson ET AL.

² Groch ET AL. v. General Motors Corporation ET AL.

- Ohioans are ready for change in the Supreme Court and 2008 is the year for Democrats.
 - According to the Spring 2008 Buckeye Poll³, over 54% of Ohioans rate the current Court's job performance fair/poor/very poor. Additionally:
 - 64% want Democrats to win the Whitehouse.
 - 55% think Ohio's moral climate is on the wrong track.
- Judge Sikora will stand up for the rights of working men and women throughout Ohio.
- He is recommended by the Ohio State Bar Association and has earned the endorsements of Major Labor organizations across the state, including the Ohio AFL-CIO, the UAW and the Ohio Education Association.
- Peter Sikora is widely recognized for his commitment to families and the community. He has been:
 - Inducted in to the National Hall of Fame for Persons with Disabilities
 - Received Adoption Network of Cleveland's highest award
 - And earned the Citizen of Distinction Award from Goodwill Industries Cleveland
- A man of high ethics and integrity, Judge Peter Sikora puts the Constitution first – to protect all Ohioans.
- On Tuesday November 4th, Elect Peter M. Sikora as Justice of the Ohio Supreme Court.

³ Ray C. Bliss Institute of Applied Politics, University of Akron, Buckeye Poll, Spring 2008. Surveys conducted from 1/10/08 to 3/8/08