

**COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
PROBATE / JUVENILE DIVISION
PORTAGE COUNTY, OHIO**

POSITION:

Magistrate

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

An appropriate combination of education, training, course work and experience may qualify an applicant to demonstrate required knowledge, skills, and abilities. Graduation from an accredited law school, plus four years of practicing law required. After appointment, willingness, and ability to successfully complete all required continuing legal education. Admitted and licensed to practice law in the State of Ohio. Experience in Probate matters and Mediation is encouraged.

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS

- Preside over all probate hearings. Accept and evaluate evidence in accordance with established rules of evidence, hear testimony, facts and arguments, rule on objections, and apply statutes and case law. Rule on motions and make determinations. Maintain fairness and impartiality and write legally defensible decisions.
- Research case law, statutes, secondary legal sources, local/evidentiary rules, and proposed legislation using hard-copy and computerized research materials and analyze legal decisions, cases, and documents.
- Conduct conferences to facilitate settlement of cases or issues. Mediate with parties to assist in reaching agreements.
- Control and maintain courtroom procedure and conduct on part of attorneys and litigants. Monitor, manage and control hearing times to ensure that cases are heard in a timely manner.
- Review daily filings processed by the Clerk's office.

OTHER DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- May author articles for local bar publications.
- Speak to schools and community groups presenting seminars to promote public relations and judicial system.

QUALIFICATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS

- An appropriate combination of education, training, course work and experience may qualify an applicant to demonstrate required knowledge, skills, and abilities. An example of an acceptable qualification: BA or BS Degree in pre-law or related field and JD.
- Admitted and licensed by the Ohio Supreme Court to practice law for a minimum of five years.
- After appointment, willingness, and ability to successfully complete one judicial college course per year, biannually fulfill 40 hours of continuing education and any other licensure and certification requirements.
- Regularly attends training and educational seminars and pursues other professional development opportunities.

COMPENSATION

Salary is based on experience.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Proof of education and employment references will be required before final interview. May require submission to a criminal history background check and drug testing for employment. The selected candidate must successfully complete a probationary period.

SEND COUNTY APPLICATION, RESUME, AND COVER LETTER TO:

Heather Gyekenyesi, Magistrate / Court Administrator
Portage County Juvenile & Probate Court
203 W. Main Street
Ravenna, Ohio 44266

APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED UNTIL POSITION IS FILLED