

## **Resume (7/2022)**



**Eugene A. Lucci**  
Judge, Lake County Common Pleas Court  
General Division  
Current Term of Office: 01/06/2019-01/05/2025

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### **Employment**

Lake County Common Pleas Court, General Division, judge, 2001-present (elected four terms)  
Presiding Judge of the court, 2009, 2016  
Administrative Judge of the court, 2002, 2006, 2010, 2014, 2018, 2022  
Technology Chair, 2003-present  
Court House Security Chair, 2003-present  
Lecturer: public confidence in the judiciary, ethics, the courts and media, science and law, court technology, and judicial security  
Practicing trial attorney, 1980-2000  
McNamara, Lucci, Hanrahan & Loxterman, Founding & Senior Partner, 1983-2000  
Solo Practitioner, 1980-1982  
Municipal Court (Painesville & Mentor) acting judge, 1988-2000  
Lake County Sheriff's Office special detective, 1994-2000  
Painesville City Police Department police officer, 1977-1982  
University Circle Police Department police officer, 1975-1977  
Lakeland Community College instructor, 1983-1998, 2008-present  
Subjects: criminal justice ethics, law office management, civil procedure, criminal procedure  
Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy certified instructor, 1983-present  
Subjects: laws of arrest, search and seizure, Ohio Revised Code criminal sections, semi-automatic pistol, requalification of peace officers  
Mentor Police Department certified instructor, 1988-1989  
Subjects: laws of arrest, search and seizure

### **Licenses & Certifications**

Attorney & Counselor at Law, State of Ohio, 1980  
Attorney & Counselor at Law, State of Florida, 1982  
Admitted, U.S. District Court, Northern District of Ohio, 1981  
Admitted, U.S. Court of Appeals, Sixth Circuit, 1985  
Admitted, U.S. Supreme Court, 1986  
Ohio Peace Officer Basic Police Academy, Peace Officer Certifications, 1976, 1995  
Ohio Peace Officer Training Council Instructor No. BAS 04955 (Special, Legal Subjects), 1983 -2024  
Ohio Peace Officer Training Council Instructor No. REQ 08064 (Semi-automatic pistol), 2018-2024  
Certified N.R.A. Pistol Instructor, 2017-present  
Federal Firearms License 4-34-X-06246

### **Education**

Master of Judicial Studies (M.J.S.) degree, University of Nevada, Reno, May 2012  
Inaugural Science & Technology Fellow, Advanced Science & Technology Adjudication Resource certification (ASTAR), Washington DC, Oct 2006  
Certificate in Judicial Development, General Jurisdiction Trial Skills, National Judicial College, 2004  
Juris Doctor (J.D.) degree, Cleveland-Marshall College of Law, Mar 1980  
Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) degree, Case Western Reserve University, Major: Psychology, Minor: Chemistry, Dec 1975

## **Professional Memberships**

American Bar Association member, 1981-present  
    Judicial Division member, 2001-present  
American Judges Association member, 2001-present  
    Board of Governors, 2013-present  
    Judicial Education Committee member since 2013, co-chair 2016-present  
    Court Security Committee member since 2013, chair 2017-present  
    Conference Site Selection Committee member, 2012-present  
American Judicature Society member, 2001-2015, published in its national journal, *Judicature*  
Association of Trial Lawyers of America member, 1981-2000; Judicial Fellow, 2001-2006  
Buckeye State Sheriff's Association member, 1995-2000  
Cleveland Academy of Trial Attorneys member, 1998-2000  
Federal Bar Association member, 1985-present  
The Federalist Society member, 2002-present  
The Florida Bar member, 1982-present  
Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 90 member, 1977-1982  
The Justinian Forum (Italian-American bar association), member and honorary trustee, 2001-present  
Lake County Association of Chiefs of Police associate member, 1999-2000; honorary member, 2001-2006  
Lake County Bar Association member, 1980-present  
    President, 1989-1990  
    Vice President, 1988-1989  
    Treasurer, 1987-1988  
    Secretary, 1986-1987  
    Trustee, 1997-2000  
    Certified Grievance Committee member, 1990-2001; chair, 1999-2001  
    Continuing Legal Education Committee chair, 1984-1986  
    Judicial Selection & Endorsement Committee chair, 1993-1999  
    Medical-Legal Committee chair, 1999-2000  
    Nominations Committee chair, 1996, member, 1991-1996  
    Law Explorer Post coordinator, 1999-2001  
Lake County Bar Foundation trustee, 2013-present  
Lake County Law Library Association trustee, 2011-2013  
Lake Erie College Legal Studies Advisory Committee member & chair, 1991-2010  
Lakeland Community College  
    Corrections Advisory Board member, 2001-present  
    Paralegal Advisory Board member, 1989-1997  
Local Corrections Board of Lake County member, 2001-present  
Northeast Ohio Community Alternative Program (N.E.O.C.A.P.) community based correctional facility  
    Judicial Board member, 2001, 2002, 2004-2006  
    Judicial Advisory Board member, 2006, 2013-present; vice chair, 2015-2018;  
    secretary, 2019-present  
Northern Ohio Patrolmen's Benevolent Association (now OPBA) member, 1975-1978  
Ohio Academy of Trial Lawyers member, 1981-2000  
Ohio Identification Officers Association member, 1997-2000  
Ohio Judicial Conference member, 2001-present  
    Executive Committee member, 2005-present  
    Ohio Jury Instructions Editorial Board member, 2002-2007  
    Public Confidence & Community Outreach Committee, member since 2003; co-chair since 2005  
    Court Technology Committee member, 2012-present  
    Mentoring Program for New Judges mentor, 2002-present  
    Jury Service Committee member, 2021-present  
Ohio Common Pleas Judges Association member, 2001-present

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## Professional Memberships (continued)

Ohio State Bar Association member, 1980-present  
Alternative Dispute Resolution mediator/arbitrator, 1992-2000  
Ohio Supreme Court Task Force on the Unauthorized Practice of Law member, 1990-1994  
Ohio Supreme Court Commission on Technology and the Courts member, Jan. 2014-present

## Community Activities

Americans of Italian Heritage member, 1998-present  
Lake County Alcohol, Drug Addiction, Mental Health Services (ADAMHS) legal advisor, 1989-1991  
Lake County Bluecoats, Inc. member, 1995-present  
Lake County Committee on Family Violence board member, 1988-1990  
Lake County General Health District  
AIDS Advisory Board (chair, 1990-1992) member, 1986-2001  
Leadership Lake County, Inc. Class of 1988; member, 1987-present  
Board of Trustees member, 1998-2012  
Chairman, Board of Trustees, 2002-2004  
First vice-chair, Board of Trustees, 2000-2002  
Second vice-chair, Board of Trustees, 1998-2000  
Alumni Association member 1988-1998, chair, 1997-1998  
Northeastern Ohio Association of Regional Leadership Groups member, 1999-present  
Mentor Area Chamber of Commerce member, 2000-2001  
Ohio High School Mock Trial Program judge, 1992-present; District Coordinator, 2002-present  
Regional Coordinator 2013-present  
Parents Anonymous of Lake County board member & legal advisor, 1983-1985  
Rotary Club of Painesville, Ohio member, 1982-present  
President, 1988-1989  
Chair of all committees, 1985-1990  
Paul Harris Fellow  
Specialized Environmental Living Facilities / Hogan Properties incorporator & board member, 1985-1993  
United Way of Lake County, Campaign Cabinet member, 1997-2000

## Awards

Lake County Historical Society, Heritage Advocate Award (inaugural recipient), April 2008  
Lake-Geauga Young Republicans, Hall of Fame Inductee, May 2011  
Rotary International, Paul Harris Fellow  
Downtown Painesville Organization, Eber D. Howe Award, October 2014

## Reported Judicial Opinions

*Hanusosky v. FirstMerit Bank, N.A.*, 2002-Ohio-6269, 121 Ohio Misc. 2d 1, 779 N.E.2d 1101  
*Johnston v. Johnston*, 2001-Ohio-4387, 119 Ohio Misc. 2d 143, 774 N.E.2d 1249  
*Johnston v. Johnston*, 2002-Ohio-4254, 119 Ohio Misc. 2d 189, 774 N.E.2d 1285  
*Miller v. The Hartford*, 2001-Ohio-4370, 118 Ohio Misc. 2d 195, 770 N.E.2d 643  
*Miller v. The Hartford*, 2001-Ohio-4371, 118 Ohio Misc. 2d 211, 770 N.E.2d 656  
*Moskowitz v. Progressive Ins. Co.*, 2004-Ohio-3100, 128 Ohio Misc. 2d 10, 811 N.E.2d 174  
*State v. Ackley*, 2002-Ohio-6002, 120 Ohio Misc. 2d 60, 778 N.E.2d 676  
*State v. Gordon*, 2010-Ohio-6591, 161 Ohio Misc. 2d 1, 940 N.E.2d 1042  
*Tomba v. Wickliffe*, 114 Ohio Misc. 2d 1, 757 N.E.2d 421 (Com. Pl. 2001)  
*Tomba v. Wickliffe*, 114 Ohio Misc. 2d 10, 757 N.E.2d 428 (Com. Pl. 2001)

**Unreported Judicial Opinions** (incomplete listing)

*Dawson v. Global Quality Assurance*, 05CV002783, 2006 WL 2594982 (Ohio Com. Pl. Aug. 28, 2006)  
*Omerza v. Geppetto's Pizza & Ribs*, 05CV000517, 2006 WL 1233087 (Ohio Com. Pl. May 1, 2006)

**Publications** (incomplete listing)

- "How can laws provide security without threatening treasured freedoms?"  
*The News-Herald*, May 1, 2002
- "Law Day 2003 – Celebrate Your Freedom: Independent Courts Protect Our Liberties"  
*The News-Herald*, May 1, 2003
- "The Judiciary's Problem"  
*The News-Herald*, May 1, 2004
- "Getting to *Brown v. Board of Education* Through Judicial Restraint"  
*Lake Legal Views*, May 2004
- "The Case for Allowing Jurors to Submit Written Questions"  
*Judicature*, Vol. 89, No. 1, July-August 2005
- "New Technology in the Courthouse – SMART Board Interactive Whiteboard"  
*Lake Legal Views*, May 2006
- "Judicial Mid-Term Evaluations"  
*Lake Legal Views*, May 2007
- "WebEx: A New Tool for Managing a Growing Docket"  
*Lake Legal Views*, May 2008
- "The Tenth Amendment Under Fire"  
*Lake Legal Views*, May 2009
- "Jurors and 21<sup>st</sup> Century Technological Challenges"  
*Lake Legal Views*, May 2010
- "Legislative and Executive Branches Grapple with Reducing Prison Costs through Sentencing Reform"  
*Lake Legal Views*, May 2011
- "Judges and Concealed Carry of Handguns"  
The Ohio Judges Resource Manual, Chapter 7-4, Ohio Judicial Conference, June 2011-present
- "Judges and Concealed Carry of Handguns," *For the Record*, a Publication of the Ohio Judicial Conference, Second Quarter 2011
- "The Continuing Saga of Evidence of Write-offs"  
*Lake Legal Views*, May 2012
- "Who Owns the Beach of Lake Erie in Ohio,"  
Master of Judicial Studies Thesis, May 2012
- "Judicial Selection: A Proposal"  
*Lake Legal Views*, May 2013
- "Proposed E-Filing Rules"  
*Lake Legal Views*, May 2014
- "'Ideology' or 'Situation Sense'? An Experimental Investigation of Motivated Reasoning and Professional Judgment," 164 U. Pa. L. Rev. 349-439 (Jan. 2016)
- "Evidence Submitted: Judges Do Resist Their Own Ideological Biases in Judicial Decision-Making"  
*Lake Legal Views*, May 2015
- "Evidence Submitted: Judges Do Resist Their Own Ideological Biases in Judicial Decision-Making"  
*For the Record*, Ohio Judicial Conference, Second Quarter 2015
- "General Division Upgrades Its Courtrooms' A/V Systems,"  
*Lake Legal Views*, May 2016
- "New Requirements for Court-Appointed Defenders of the Indigent,"  
*Lake Legal Views*, May 2017
- "HB439: An Example of Ill-Advised and Unnecessary Legislation"  
*Lake Legal Views*, May 2018

**Publications** (continued - incomplete listing)

- "The Reagan Tokes Law: Indefinite Sentencing Reprised"  
*Lake Legal Views*, May 2019
- "Promoting a Meritorious Judiciary: A Proposal to Reform Judicial Selection in Ohio,"  
Doctor of Philosophy in Judicial Studies Dissertation (in progress)
- "Uniform Sentencing Entry and Statewide Sentencing Data Collection Close to Realization"  
*Lake Legal Views*, May 2021
- "Ohio's New Permitless Carry Law"  
*Lake Legal Views*, May 2022

**Seminars & Speeches** (incomplete listing)

- "Ethics," Ohio State Bar Association, District 18 Conference  
Concord, Ohio, September 26, 2002
- "Instilling Public Confidence in the Judiciary and Community Outreach," Ohio Common Pleas Judges Association,  
Summer Conference, Coshocton, Ohio, June 24, 2004
- "Instilling Public Confidence in the Judiciary and Community Outreach," Ohio Judicial Conference, Annual  
Meeting, Columbus, Ohio, September 10, 2004
- "Media Relations and a Media Plan for High-Profile Cases," Ohio Judicial Conference, Annual Meeting,  
Columbus, Ohio, September 16, 2005
- "Firearms in Courthouses," Ohio Common Pleas Judges Association, Winter Conference,  
Columbus, Ohio, December 7, 2005
- "The Judicial Gatekeeping Responsibility: Preparing Scientifically & Technically Grounded Jurists," American  
Society of Crime Lab Directors, 34th Symposium, San Francisco, California, October 2, 2006
- "The Judicial Gatekeeping Responsibility: Preparing Scientifically & Technically Grounded Jurists,"  
CERMACS2007 – Central Regional Meeting of the American Chemical Society,  
Covington, Kentucky, May 21, 2007
- "Meet Your Judge," Painesville, Ohio, February 1, 2008
- "Courtroom Technology, Computers, E-Filing and E-Serving," Lake County Common Pleas Judges,  
Annual Seminar, Mentor, Ohio, June 5, 2008
- "The Judge as Gatekeeper," Lake County Common Pleas Judges, Annual Seminar,  
Mentor, Ohio, October 15, 2009
- "Ignoring the Tenth Amendment: Individual Sovereignty at Stake," Geauga Constitutional Council, Novelty, Ohio,  
November 13, 2009
- "Ignoring the Tenth Amendment: Individual Sovereignty at Stake," Oathkeepers, Willoughby, Ohio,  
January 9, 2010
- "Ignoring the Tenth Amendment: Individual Sovereignty at Stake," High Noon with the Sheriff, Green, Ohio,  
June 26, 2010
- "Ignoring the Tenth Amendment: Individual Sovereignty at Stake," Independence Day Celebration, Windsor, Ohio,  
July 4, 2010
- "Jury Issues," Lake County Common Pleas Judges Association, Annual Seminar,  
Mentor, Ohio, October 14, 2010
- "Ignoring the Tenth Amendment: Individual Sovereignty at Stake," Lorain County 9.12 Group, Elyria, Ohio,  
October 16, 2010
- "Ignoring the Tenth Amendment: Individual Sovereignty at Stake," Wadsworth 9.12 Group, Wadsworth, Ohio,  
March 3, 2011
- "Ignoring the Tenth Amendment: Individual Sovereignty at Stake," Riverside High School, Painesville, Ohio,  
April 29, 2011
- "Professionalism," U.S. Attorney's Office, Northern District of Ohio,  
Peninsula, Ohio, October 5, 2011
- "Lineups and Interrogations," Lake County Common Pleas Judges, Annual Seminar,  
Mentor, Ohio, October 20, 2011
- "E-Filing, Certificates of Qualification for Employment, and Local Rules," Lake County Common Pleas Judges,  
Annual Seminar, Mentor, Ohio, October 18, 2012

**Seminars & Speeches** (continued - incomplete listing)

- "As Judges See It: Top Mistakes Attorneys Make in Civil Litigation," National Business Institute Seminar, Cleveland, Ohio, October 19, 2012
- "Judicial Forum and Practice Pointers," Legal Aid Society, Willoughby, Ohio, October 21, 2013
- "Some Conviction Ramifications," Lake County Common Pleas Judges, Annual Seminar, Mentor, Ohio, October 24, 2013
- "Civil Court Judicial Forum: Advanced Discovery and Trial Practice," National Business Institute Seminar, Cleveland, Ohio, November 1, 2013
- "Social Science in Court," Lake County Common Pleas Judges, Annual Seminar, Mentor, Ohio, October 16, 2014
- "Civil Court Judicial Forum," National Business Institute Seminar, Cleveland, Ohio, October 14, 2014
- "Judicial Forum and Practice Pointers," Legal Aid Society of Cleveland, Willoughby, Ohio, October 24, 2014
- "Protecting Your Court; Defending Your Courtroom; Protecting Yourself," American Judges Association, Fort Myers, Florida, April 24, 2015
- "Emerging Technologies and the Future of Law," Lake County Common Pleas Judges, Annual Seminar, Mentor, Ohio, October 15, 2015
- "Access to Justice Summit and Judicial Forum," Legal Aid Society of Cleveland, Willoughby, Ohio, October 30, 2015
- "Civil Court Judicial Forum," National Business Institute Seminar, Cleveland, Ohio, November 19, 2015
- "Punishment Beyond the Sentence: The Collateral Consequences of Criminal Conviction, Domestic Violence, and Firearms Possession," American Judges Association, Midyear Seminar, Santa Fe, New Mexico, April 20, 2016
- "The Court and the Pro Se Litigant: Judicial Security," Ohio Judicial College, Columbus, Ohio, May 20, 2016
- "The Court and the Pro Se Litigant: Judicial Security," Ohio Judicial College, Strongsville, Ohio, June 24, 2016
- "The Collateral Consequences of Criminal Conviction," Lake County Common Pleas Judges, Annual Seminar, Mentor, Ohio, October 13, 2016
- "Access to Justice Summit and Judicial Forum," Legal Aid Society of Cleveland, Willoughby, Ohio, October 28, 2016
- "Advanced Gun Law," National Business Institute Seminar, Cleveland, Ohio, December 15, 2016
- "The Danger of Judicial Overreach," Geauga County TEA Party, Novelty, Ohio, April 18, 2017
- "Trial Practice Panel," Lake County Common Pleas Judges, Annual Seminar, Mentor, Ohio, October 12, 2017
- "Judicial Security Inn and Out of Court," Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Judges, Geneva, Ohio, October 27, 2017
- "Judicial Forum & Practice Update Panel," Legal Aid Society of Cleveland, Willoughby, Ohio, November 30, 2017
- "Practice in Lake County Common Pleas Court," Carver Financial Services 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Seminar, Mentor, Ohio, December 15, 2017
- "Personal Security for Attorneys in and out of Court," Lake County Common Pleas Judges, Annual Seminar, Mentor, Ohio, October 11, 2018
- "Security for Court Officers: In and Out of Court," Northern Ohio Municipal Judges Association, Mayfield Heights, Ohio, December 13, 2018
- "The Judiciary and the Incorporation Doctrine," Heritage Club, Mentor, Ohio, March 14, 2019
- "Nursing Ethics: A Judicial Perspective," American Society of Ophthalmic Registered Nurses (ASORN), San Francisco, California, October 11, 2019
- "Felony Sentencing," Lake County Common Pleas Judges, Annual Seminar, Mentor, Ohio, October 17, 2019
- "Judicial Forum & Practice Update Panel," Legal Aid Society of Cleveland, Painesville, Ohio, October 24, 2019
- "The Second Amendment," Trumbull County Republican Women's Club, May 5, 2022