

# Ohio Supreme Court



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## Nonpartisan Candidate Guide to the 2022 Fischer-Jamison Supreme Court Race

This election for the Ohio Supreme Court is between incumbent Justice Pat Fischer and Judge Terri Jamison of the Ohio Court of Appeals.

The Ohio Supreme Court [is currently regarded as conservative](#), with a 4-3 Republican majority. [All three seats on the ballot](#) this year are held by Republicans. Ohio Supreme Court justices have previously been elected in nonpartisan elections. This year justices are running under partisan labels, with Fischer a Republican and Jamison a Democrat.

The Ohio Supreme Court decides questions of state law that often have a significant impact on state policy and individual rights. The Court recently decided cases involving the [validity of the Ohio State Legislature's redistricting](#) (the process of redrawing the boundaries of Ohio's political districts), [reduction of bail for a man accused of murder](#), [infringement of the First Amendment by an education board's ban on picketing](#), and [whether a fine is unconstitutionally excessive](#). The Court is also [set to rule on whether individuals accused of violent crimes may possess guns](#). Recent state legislation that may come before the Court ranges from [a ban on abortion after six weeks](#) to [restrictions on discussion of sexuality or gender in schools](#). The election for this position may determine whether the Court leans conservative or liberal.

Ohio's other Supreme Court races are addressed in [here](#) and in [this overview](#).

### PAT FISCHER

[fischerforohio.com](http://fischerforohio.com)

#### Background

Justice Pat Fischer is a justice on the Ohio Supreme Court. [He was first elected to the Ohio Supreme Court in 2016](#). Fischer is [a graduate of Harvard College and Harvard Law School](#).

Beginning in 2010, Fischer served on the [Ohio First District Court of Appeals](#). Prior to joining the judiciary, he was in private practice for [27 years](#).

### TERRI JAMISON

[votejudgejamison.com](http://votejudgejamison.com)

#### Background

Judge Terri Jamison is a judge on the [Ohio Tenth District Court of Appeals](#), elected in 2020. Jamison [is a graduate of Franklin University and Capital University Law School](#).

Jamison owned and operated an insurance agency for 16 years, then went into private law practice. Beginning in 2012, she was [elected and reelected to the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas](#), and in 2020 to the Court of Appeals.

## FISCHER (cont.)

### Judicial Rulings

- In 2018, Fischer [voted with the majority](#) in a pair of 5-2 abortion decisions. One upheld the medical license revocation of the last abortion provider in northwest Ohio. The other rejected a challenge arguing that Ohio laws restricting abortions were unconstitutional.
- Fischer dissented when the Court [rejected a congressional redistricting map](#) and [state legislative district maps](#) created by the Ohio Redistricting Commission (with 5 Republicans and 2 Democrats) as unduly partisan.

### Statements

- [Likened Roe v. Wade to the Dred Scott decision](#) (in which Supreme Court strengthened slavery) but said was arguing with the court protecting rights that weren't spelled out in the constitution, not comparing abortion to slavery. About Roe v. Wade, said ["The high court discovered a constitutional right to an abortion."](#)
- In [Cincinnati Right to Life questionnaire](#), agreed that: "In Roe v. Wade, the U.S. Supreme Court recognized a "right to privacy" under the Constitution that includes abortion. The Constitution does not include this right."
- On whether proposed [criminal sentencing database](#) that would show how similarly charged people are treated across different Ohio courts, [has said needs more information](#).

### Endorsements

Fischer's endorsements include [Cleveland Right to Life](#), [Buckeye Firearms Association](#), as well as [the NFIB Ohio PAC](#), [the Ohio Business Roundtable PAC](#), [the Ohio Chamber of Commerce PAC](#), [the Ohio Farm Bureau Federation Agriculture for Good Government PAC](#), and [the Ohio Manufacturers' Association PAC](#).

## JAMISON (cont.)

### Judicial Rulings

- In an Appeals Court decision, Jamison remanded a property dispute for further proceedings when the trial court ruled on the pleadings without giving the defendant the chance to provide evidence. ["The case showed the power of the court to bring equity in this case and give Appellant the ability to provide evidence rather than the court making a ruling solely on the pleadings."](#)

### Statements

- Jamison said she supports law and order, ["but I am in favor of the law being applied to everyone equally and everyone treated the same."](#)
- Stated to the Ohio State Bar Association, [the Ohio Supreme Court's "judicious use" of its Constitutional authority related to redistricting](#) (when the Court struck down the congressional and legislative several maps as illegal partisan gerrymanders) "demonstrates both the critical role an independent judiciary can and must play in our democracy and [the absolute need to ensure that the Court continues to serve as a check and balance on the executive and legislative branches.](#)"
- [Favors](#) creating a [criminal sentencing database](#) that would show how similarly charged people are treated across different Ohio courts.
- Disagreeing with a 2013 United States Supreme Court decision that a cheek swab of an arrestee's DNA is comparable to fingerprinting and thus a legal police booking procedure, Jamison said, ["There's no reason to gather DNA unless you're using it for investigative purposes."](#)

### Endorsements

Jamison's endorsements include [#VOTEPROCHOICE](#), [the Plain Dealer/cleveland.com](#), [the Human Rights Campaign PAC](#), [Ohio Women's Alliance](#), and [Planned Parenthood Advocates of Ohio](#).

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