

# OHIO CITY INCORPORATED BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPLICATION

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## CANDIDATE INFORMATION

<b>Name:</b> Shannon Musson	
<b>Ohio City Incorporated Membership:</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I am currently a Resident Member in-good-standing
<b>Length of Ohio City residency:</b>	2 years, 2 months

## EXPERIENCE & PROFESSIONAL EXPERTISE

<input type="checkbox"/> Accounting	<input type="checkbox"/> Developer/Builder	<input type="checkbox"/> Human Resources
<input type="checkbox"/> Bilingual	<input type="checkbox"/> Education	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Legal
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Community Activist	<input type="checkbox"/> Finance/Lending	<input type="checkbox"/> Marketing
<input type="checkbox"/> Community Connections	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fundraising	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Outreach
<input type="checkbox"/> Construction Contractor	<input type="checkbox"/> Grant Writing	<input type="checkbox"/> Real Estate
<input type="checkbox"/> Design/Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Historic Preservation	<input type="checkbox"/> Strategic Planning

## PERSONAL STATEMENT

### 1) Why do you wish to serve on the Ohio City Incorporated Board of Trustees?

I enjoy the connection that I feel with our community, and believe that joining the Board will deepen that connection. I will add meaningful value to the Board and have a positive impact on our neighborhood through my unwavering commitment not only to Ohio City, but to Cleveland as a whole. I have lived in Cleveland all my life including the Clark/Fulton neighborhood, the Warehouse District, and my current home on Bridge Avenue. I would like to help OCI continue to advance our community's interests, further develop its initiatives, and continue to buildout from the neighborhood's assets and successes.

### 2) Please describe your experience in the areas checked in Part 2. Include any special achievements and/or experiences that you feel would enhance the organization.

*Legal:* I am a licensed attorney and have practiced as an assistant prosecutor for the past 8 years for both the City of Cleveland and, currently, the Cuyahoga County Prosecutor's Office. I currently prosecute general felony cases in Cleveland's Second District, which includes Ohio City. I am also assigned to the Cuyahoga County Environmental Crimes Task Force and assist officers investigate, charge and prosecute those who pollute our environment. As a past municipal and current county prosecutor, I have developed many contacts with court staff and law enforcement, and my knowledge and insight of the criminal justice system would serve as a useful resource to the Board. I have the ability to facilitate the communications between the community, law enforcement and the Prosecutor's Office.

*Fundraising:* I helped organize 3 fundraisers serving Cleveland's Third Police District where I devoted much of my efforts to securing donations from Cleveland businesses which were given away as prizes in a raffle. I was able to obtain numerous items of value from various sources to incentivize ticket purchases, including movie tickets, Rock & Roll Hall of Fame passes, autographed memorabilia from the Cleveland Browns, baseball tickets to the

Cleveland Indians, tickets to the Cleveland Improv, tickets to Hilarities Comedy Club, House of Blues gift certificates and CLE Store merchandise. I can bring the same enthusiasm and interpersonal skills to assist OCI achieve its fundraising goals.

*Outreach:* I helped facilitate a comprehensive law enforcement summit last spring which included representatives from the Cuyahoga County Prosecutor's Office, Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority, Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Association, Cleveland Division of Police and Cleveland Clinic Police. I am very interested in continuing to provide these agencies with a forum to jointly discuss issues of common interest that are affecting our community. The ability to bring people together, identify mutual values, and formulate strategies to accomplish shared objectives readily applicable to harmonizing the many diverse viewpoints in our community at their common denominators.

*Community Activist:* Neighborhood safety is a paramount in the community, and I regularly advocate to promote positive relationships between the residents and law enforcement. I routinely report suspicious activity in an effort to increase the number of police officers assigned to patrol the Ohio City neighborhood, and vocally support our community's interests among law enforcement personnel.

**3) Describe your involvement in Ohio City neighborhood organizations or Ohio City Incorporated sponsored committees, projects, or block clubs.**

I have been the Bridge/Carroll/Jay Block Club secretary since 2014 and have worked closely with past president Judy Comeau-Hart and current president Patty Roberts. I attend all block club meetings and keep minutes and attendance. I attend all community meetings at Franklin Circle Church in addition to any impromptu safety meetings. I have attended a few OCI Safety Committee meetings and assisted in discussions about the safety camera initiative in its infancy.

**4) Describe your involvement in non-Ohio City neighborhood organizations/activities.**

I have volunteered regularly as a student mentor in the Cleveland Metropolitan School District's 3Rs Program (Rights / Responsibilities / Realities.) Having been raised in Cleveland, I find it important to foster our youth.

# SHANNON MUSSON

## PROFESSIONAL CREDENTIALS

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Admitted to the Ohio Bar, May 2007  
Member of the Municipal Prosecutor's Association 2007 to 2010  
Board Member 2010  
Member of the Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association 2012 to present

## EDUCATION

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<b>UNIVERSITY OF DETROIT MERCY SCHOOL OF LAW, DETROIT, MICHIGAN</b>	<b>JOHN CARROLL UNIVERSITY, UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS, OHIO</b>
Juris Doctor, May 2006	Bachelor of Arts, Political Science, May 2002
Urban Law Clinic	Member of the National Dean's List 2002
Mobile Law Clinic	Member of Pi Sigma Phi Sorority 1999 – 2002
	Miles Park Elementary School Tutor 1999 – 2000

## LEGAL EXPERIENCE

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### **CUYAHOGA COUNTY PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE, CLEVELAND, OHIO**

*Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, June 2011 – Present*

Duties and responsibilities began with a rotation through the Cuyahoga Support Enforcement Agency (CSEA) and Juvenile Delinquency Unit before taking assignments in the General Felony Unit in Regions 2 and 5 (primarily represented by the Second and Fifth Cleveland Police Districts), which includes management of a case load of felony indictments in Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court, including limited major trial assignments; general duties include motion practice, discovery, pre-trials, attorney conferences, trials and appellate practice; specially assigned to advise and assist the Cuyahoga County Environmental Crimes Task Force and prosecute the crimes uncovered through its investigations.

### **CITY OF CLEVELAND, DEPARTMENT OF LAW, CRIMINAL DIVISION, CLEVELAND, OHIO**

*Assistant City Prosecutor, September 2007 – Present*

Prosecuting all misdemeanor complaints arising in the City of Cleveland before Municipal Court Judges, including motion practice, discovery, pre-trials, jury and bench trials and appellate work; reviewed case investigations with City of Cleveland Detectives for possible charges, reviewed community complaints with City of Cleveland Intake Officers and issued felony and misdemeanor charges. First chair on several jury and bench trials, including charges of criminal child enticement, certain weapons in a public place, assault, domestic violence, endangering children, and driving under the influence.

### **LOUISE MOSHER CO., LPA, CLEVELAND, OHIO**

*Legal Assistant, October 1995 – August 2003*

*Law Clerk, May 2004 – September 2007*

Assisted civil solo practitioner with legal practice primarily dealing with Social Security and Family Law. Duties and responsibilities included drafting briefs and motions, including appellate motion practice; managed the firm's billing system; attended court appearances; filed pleadings and conducted client interviews and follow-ups; and aided Attorney Mosher both clerically and substantively in her daily dealings in practice. As a law clerk aided Attorney with briefs and replies in the 6<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court.

## COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

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United Way Coordinator for City of Cleveland Prosecutor's Office 2008  
Summer Intern Program Co-coordinator: organization and guidance of interns 2009 to 2010  
Harvest for Hunger Coordinator for City of Cleveland Prosecutor's Office 2010  
Operation Child Protect Volunteer 2012 to present  
Cleveland Metropolitan School District 3R's Volunteer 2012 – 2015  
Bridge/Carroll/Jay Block Club Secretary 2014 to present  
Participant in local runs ranging from 5ks to half marathons