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Pat Fischer

Patrick F. Fischer has lived in the greater Cincinnati area most of his life. As a child, he grew up in a large family. His parents valued education, therefore Pat and his brothers attended St. Xavier High School. Thanks to some excellent advice he received there, Pat was accepted to Harvard College where he graduated with honors in 1980. Following college, Pat was accepted to Harvard Law School and again graduated with honors in 1983.

After law school, Pat served as a law clerk to the Honorable William O. Bertelsman, Judge of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Kentucky in Covington, KY. Upon completion of his clerkship, Pat moved to Dallas, Texas to work for the law firm of Thompson & Knight. While working there, Pat met a law librarian named Jane Ward. They were married in 1985 and after the death of Jane's mother, they moved back to Cincinnati to be near Pat's family. Jane and Pat settled in Pleasant Ridge in 1993 where they raised their daughter, K.C. Pat attends St. Xavier Catholic Church in downtown Cincinnati, where he is active in the parish as a Eucharistic minister.



Jane, KC, and Pat Fischer

Pat Fischer is a well-respected partner in the law firm of Keating, Muething & Klekamp. He regularly receives an AV rating, the highest peer rating possible. He has been named an Ohio Super Lawyer by *Law & Politics* since 2004. This year he was named one of the Top 100 Lawyers in Ohio and one of the Top 50 Lawyers in Cincinnati by *Cincinnati Magazine*. Currently, Pat is serving as the President of the Cincinnati Bar Association. This is a sign of both the respect given to Pat by his fellow attorneys and of the commitment Pat has made to his profession and Cincinnati. As the CBA president, Pat pushed for the creation of a citywide program called "Out of the Crossfire". The goal of the program is to reduce retaliatory gunfire, a leading cause of murder in urban areas. The five month-old program has proven successful in other cities and will be successful in Cincinnati also.



In his free time, Pat Fischer is a dedicated public servant. He serves, or has served, on numerous local boards including the Hamilton County Mental Health & Recovery Services Board, VISIONS Community Services Board, the Children's Museum, and ST, Ursula Villa. The capstone of his public service was his election as President of the Pleasant Ridge Community Council. Without a doubt, Pat has made a difference in Pleasant Ridge. He threatened nuisance lawsuits that forced absentee landlords to come to the table and be responsible commercial citizens. Pat also insisted on strategic policing that used techniques to predict where crime would occur and place the necessary resources there to eliminate the crime. Through nuisance lawsuits and pinpoint policing, Pleasant Ridge was able to reduce police runs to its neighborhood by up to 70% in some months. Pat's leadership and innovative thinking were critical to this success and these are the skills he will bring to Cincinnati City Council.