



## **THE HONORABLE RONALD B. ADRINE**

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“This job is what you want to make it.” Saying that, Ronald B. Adrine has become one of the most respected judges in Cleveland, as well as a national authority on issues concerning domestic violence.

A life-long resident of Greater Cleveland, Judge Adrine graduated from Fisk University and the Cleveland-Marshall College of Law. After passing the bar in 1973, he entered the private practice of law with his father, the late Russell T. Adrine. He also worked as an assistant Cuyahoga County prosecutor, and served as Senior Staff Counsel to the U.S. House of Representatives Select Committee on Assassinations. Then in 1981, he decided to run for a seat on the municipal bench. He won, and has been reelected four times, without opposition, to full six-year terms, the most recent being in November of 2005.

“I ran for this job in protest,” noted Judge Adrine, after experiencing how poorly many people were treated in the court system. As time went by, he came to realize what a difference he, as well as the entire court, can make on people’s lives.

Over the years, Judge Adrine has belonged to more than 50 organizations, served on the boards of more than 30 of those organizations, and held a leadership position on more than 12 of those boards. He chaired the Ohio Commission on Racial Fairness. He currently chairs the Ohio Supreme Court’s Interpreter Services Advisory Committee, Cleveland’s Domestic Violence Coordinating Council and the National Board of Directors of the Family Violence Prevention Fund. He also co-chairs the National Judicial Institute on Domestic Violence, a joint initiative of the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges, the Family Violence Prevention Fund and the U.S. Department of Justice.

Judge Adrine has lectured extensively on domestic violence issues here, and around the country, including the U.S. Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico. He is co-author of “Ohio Domestic Violence Law,” part of Baldwin Legal Publishing Company’s Ohio Handbook Series. He has been honored as a Distinguished Alumni of both Cleveland State University and the Cleveland-Marshall College of Law. In 2000, he was awarded the Ohio Bar Medal by the Ohio State Bar Association, its highest honor, in recognition of his contributions to the profession and the community.

Despite his busy schedule, the judge finds time to keep in shape, waking up at 5:00 am for his daily exercise regimen, which includes aerobics and weight lifting.