

**Judge Joyce A. Campbell**  
**Nominated by NAMI Ohio**

**CANDIDATE NARRATIVE**

**Strengths and attributes the NAMI Board has identified as high priority needs for the 2021-2022 board; any strengths/attributes identified by the candidate are starred and in bold:**

- Diversity of age, race, ethnicity, language, experience and national geography
- Knowledge of the philanthropic community and track record with donor cultivation
- **Experience with a variety of revenue models and financial oversight and management\*\***
- **Human capital management including professional experience in human resources and personnel development & management\*\***
- **Legal and risk management\*\***
- **Criminal Justice experience, professional and/or lived\*\***

**In 250 words or less, please explain how you will use your skills in the above areas to move the mission of the NAMI Board forward. If you do not have any experience in these areas, please explain what qualities you possess that the NAMI Board of Directors should consider when making their recommendations to the membership.**

The NAMI mission is to provide advocacy, education, support and public awareness so that all individuals and families affected by mental illness can build better lives. This mission is reflected in our 2020-2025 Strategic Plan - early detection, best care possible and diversion from criminal justice involvement - for which I was a strong voice in drafting as a member of the current BOD. The third pillar of the Strategic Plan (diversion) is the very reason I ran for the BOD in 2018 and I wish to continue my service. My twenty plus years of experience presiding over a certified mental health court and participating in numerous criminal justice initiatives provides me with a deep understanding of the systems and programming communities need to divert our people. Further, my training and experience enable me to assist NAMI and the communities we serve to establish mental health courts and other necessary support such as crisis intervention centers and CIT for law enforcement. Additionally, as First Vice President and as a member of the DEI Champions and Board Policy and Governance Committees I have had the opportunity to examine and implement support and opportunities for providing informed, authentic leadership for cultural equity and model justice, diversity and inclusion across the entire NAMI alliance. I wish to continue this extremely important work to fulfill our mission and live up to our values for ALL individuals and their families affected by mental illness.

**I have personally helped advance the NAMI mission in my community by...**

I have personally helped advance the NAMI mission in my community by recognizing early in my judicial career the value of NAMI in assisting the diversion of individuals with mental illness from the criminal justice system. I invited my local NAMI affiliate, as a vital stakeholder, to participate in the development and implementation of a mental health court in 1999. That relationship continues today with a NAMI volunteer being present every week at court to reach out to individuals and their families providing advocacy, support and education. I continue to advocate for NAMI involvement as I mentor and assist other judges to implement mental health courts across the country.

**I work well in coordination with other leaders to accomplish goals as evidenced by...**

Throughout my judicial career I have joined other leaders to improve the criminal justice system. For example, I have partnered with Former Ohio Supreme Court Justice Evelyn Stratton in moving the multi-system Stepping Up Initiative across Ohio. This requires working with leaders in police departments, mental health public authorities, mental health provider agencies, and local NAMI affiliates to come together to divert mentally ill individuals from the criminal justice system into treatment. Additionally, I have worked in coordination with our current BOD to bring forth much needed changes across our alliance to further the mission of NAMI.

**NOMINATOR NARRATIVE**

**Terry L. Russell**  
**Executive Director, NAMI Ohio**

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Judge Campbell developed, established and has presided over the second specialized mental health docket in Ohio since 2001. She is a leader in presenting at numerous conferences throughout the United States regarding the development, funding and operation of specialized dockets for those living with mental illness. Judge Campbell is an officer of the Ohio Judicial Conference representing all Ohio judges, serves on the Ohio Supreme Court Commission on Specialized Dockets and is recognized by her colleagues as an expert in specialized mental health dockets. She served on her local county mental health board which plans, funds and evaluates mental health services throughout her community. For the past eight years, she has served on the NAMI Ohio Board of Directors and currently serves as President. Judge Campbell, J.D. graduated cum laude from Case Western Reserve University, School of Law. Prior to her appointment in June 1999 as the Judge of the Fairfield Municipal Court, where she continues to serve, she was in private practice as a trial attorney in the areas of labor, employment, domestic relations, government services, and general business and served as a prosecutor. Because of her extensive experience with specialized dockets for the severely mentally ill, Judge Campbell has become one of the most vocal advocates for Ohio's CIT training. For the past three years, she has served on the NAMI Board of Directors and is seeking re-election.

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Judge Campbell recognized the need for the diversion of those living with mental illness away from the criminal justice system and into treatment and developed an innovative specialized docket. She speaks about the impact of nurturing those on her specialized docket; making sure they obtain treatment and seeing the impact of changed lives. She strongly advocates for the establishment of such dockets in every jurisdiction. Judge Campbell represents NAMI Ohio on a number of committees promoting the expansion of crisis services to reduce criminal justice contact with individuals with mental illness. NAMI Ohio also utilizes Judge Campbell in policy development.

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Judge Campbell has represented NAMI Ohio at a number of criminal justice initiatives. Recently, the Council of State Governments chose Ohio to be one of the sites for the Stepping Up Initiative. Judge Campbell and former Supreme Court Justice, Evelyn Stratton have been partnering in moving this multi-system project forward. This project requires local community partnerships to come together to sign a pledge of diverting individuals living with mental illness into treatment and away from the criminal justice system. Through Judge Campbell's efforts, NAMI Ohio has received significant resources to administer this effort.