

**John Lindsay Grow, Esq.**  
**FOR WAYNE COUNTY COURT JUDGE**

My Wayne County Friends, Neighbors and Citizens:

This letter is to announce my candidacy for the position of Wayne County Court Judge which will become vacant in December 2023 when Judge Daniel Barrett reaches the mandatory retirement age of 70. I have been here in Wayne County doing legal work for decades and am ready to serve as a County Court Judge.

I was born at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in 1968 as my now deceased father, G. Michael “Mike” Grow was in the service at that time. In 1974, Wayne County became the home of my family when my father and my mother Valerie moved to Ontario. There they raised me and my three younger siblings. Following in my father’s footsteps, I have been a practicing attorney in Wayne County since obtaining my law license in 1994.

While growing up in Wayne County, I attended Holy Trinity School for grammar school and then attended Bishop Kearney High School. During high school I first met my wife Joy, with whom I now have three wonderful children. Our daughter Caitlin is currently completing her last year of Law School at Syracuse University. Our two sons, Collin and Logan, both attend college at Niagara University. Collin is completing his senior year as a nursing major and Logan is completing his sophomore year as an education major. My wife and I currently live in Ontario with my wife’s mother whom we care for.

In 1990 I graduated from Pennsylvania State University with a Bachelor’s Degree in Pre-Law. I then attended Law School at St. Thomas University in Miami, Florida and graduated in 1993. I am admitted to practice law in New York and the United States Supreme Court.

In 1993 I moved home to practice law with my Father at our office in Williamson. I quickly learned that knowledge of the law plays only one part in helping to assist clients with their legal issues. I immediately began helping clients in a variety of matters, including divorces, custody and child support matters, criminal matters, civil matters including litigation regarding breach of contracts and claims for amounts due. I acted as a Court appointed Attorney for Children and as a Referee in foreclosure matters. I appeared as counsel on a variety of matters in the old Wayne County Court House even before the new Hall of Justice was opened in 1996.

After my father passed in 2004, my private practice expanded to include real estate, corporate and estate matters. I have also handled a variety of Municipal Law matters in the various municipalities our office has had the privilege of representing over the years. Furthermore, in 2000, I began working part time for the Wayne County Public Defender’s Office, and since then have I have handled thousands of criminal matters at all levels in Wayne County. I am counsel to the New York State Police Investigators Association where I help law enforcement officers with various legal needs.

Not only have I experienced the legal system as an Attorney, but unfortunately, I have seen it in action as a devastated family member. In 1996, my Wife’s sister was murdered in New York City. At the time I was a young attorney and new husband. This horrific event forced me to calmly and rationally guide my family through this devastating affair. This was one of the hardest experiences I have ever endured. That event and subsequent related events, allowed me to experience the Judicial system from a completely different perspective and is one of the reasons I am seeking this position. Seeing the legal system from many perspectives is exactly what a Judge should do when a case is brought into his or her courtroom.

I have litigated matters in almost every single Court in Wayne County, including felony, misdemeanor, petty, vehicle and traffic offenses in the twenty-eight (28) different Town and Village Justice Courts. I have litigated complex and intensive matters in County Court, Supreme Court, Family Court and Surrogate's Court. I have also litigated "Red Flag" Supreme Court matters wherein a citizen's right to keep and bear arms was contested by the State. I have defended citizens in matters wherein their right to keep and bear arms was contested by someone seeking an Order of Protection to take such rights away in local criminal Court, County Court, Family or Supreme Court.

I have been a committed member of the Wayne County Bar Association for decades and had the privilege of being its President in both 2009 and 2010. When the former Legal Aid Society of Wayne County suddenly ceased operations, there were a number of Supreme Court divorce clients that were left without immediate representation. I was the Attorney Member of the Bar assigned to find and recruit appropriate attorneys to complete pro bono legal work for the persons effected. I have also had the privilege to organize Law Day mock trial events with over 650 students from various Wayne County Schools. This event was created in celebration of Law Day, a day established in 1958 by President Dwight D. Eisenhower to appreciate the "ideals of equality and justice under law." With the combined efforts of the Supreme and County Court Clerk's Office, County Court Judges, Wayne County Sheriff Court Security, and the Wayne County Bar Association, hundreds of students were able to participate in numerous mock trials. Organizing this event and teaching children about various aspects of the legal system will always be one of the fond memories I have from my time spent as a member of the Wayne County Bar Association.

I am very invested in the Wayne County community. Beside being a member of Wayne County's Chapter of S.C.O.P.E., I have previously sat on the Board of Directors for Wayne Pre-Trial Services, and currently sit on the Board of Directors for the Pines of Peace Comfort Care Home in Ontario.

Wayne County is in the middle of great changes within its County Court. All of the currently sitting Judges will be forced to retire in the next three (3) years as Judge Barrett will retire in December 2023, Judge Richard Healy in December 2025 and Judge Art Williams in December 2026. As a practicing attorney in Wayne County, I can clearly state that this dramatic change in Judges will affect all participants in the Judicial branch of County government for years. The current position I seek needs to be filled by someone who can actually "get to work" as soon as possible.

My practice, experience, and knowledge acquired here in Wayne County demonstrate that I am ready and able to fill this position. After vetting and interviewing, I have been endorsed by both the Wayne County Republican Party and the Wayne County Conservative Party as their chosen candidate for this position. Growing up, living in, and most importantly working in Wayne County, I am passionate about making a difference. If anyone needs to find out more about me, I would encourage you to speak with anyone you know in the legal or law enforcement community. My email is [grow4judge@gmail.com](mailto:grow4judge@gmail.com) and phone number is (585)481-6078. I would like any opportunity to speak with you personally if you have any questions.

I am seeking your support to continue to serve the people of Wayne County in this vital role for which I am uniquely qualified. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Lindsay Grow", with a horizontal line extending to the right.

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