Robert Chauvin

Candidate For: Supreme Court Justice – 4th Judicial District

Election Date: November 8, 2011

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Experience/Qualifications:

- Over 36 years of private and public sector legal experience
- Chauvin Law Office – 36 years – Halfmoon (1977 – Present)
- Prosecutor – 30 years - Assistant District Attorney for Saratoga County (1980 to 2010)
- Part Time Town Attorney – 26 years - Town of Halfmoon (1986 to Present)
- Planning & Zoning Attorney – 20 years – Town of Halfmoon (1986 – 2005)

Memberships:

- New York State Bar Association
- New York State Academy of Trial Lawyers
- Saratoga County Bar Association

Background: I have been a resident of Saratoga County for almost all of my life and have deep roots in this area. The Chauvin family settled in Mechanicville in the early 1900's when my grandfather, Dr. Emmett E. Chauvin opened his dental practice there. My father, Dr. James E. Chauvin, took over the family practice in 1960. My wife, Carol and I reside in Saratoga Springs. My son, Matthew is an attorney practicing as a Saratoga County Assistant District Attorney. My son Sean is a Business Administrator living in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. All of my six siblings and many of their extended families and many of my other relatives still reside in Saratoga County and the Fourth Judicial District.

Immediately after graduating from Albany Law School, I was admitted to the New York State Bar in February, 1976. I have actively engaged in private practice in Saratoga County from that date to the present.

In 1980 I was appointed as a part-time Assistant District Attorney in Saratoga County. I continue in that position today. From 1986 to 2005 I was the Part Time Town Attorney for the Town of Halfmoon. From 2005 to the present I have acted as a part-time Deputy Town Attorney for the Town of Halfmoon.

As an Assistant District Attorney I have practiced in all the Courts of Saratoga County and many adjacent jurisdictions. I have prosecuted innumerable criminal cases. I have tried all manner of cases from Violations to Felonies. I have prosecuted and tried criminal cases as diverse as offering false instruments for filing, grand larceny, burglary and as heinous as rape and sodomy.

In my thirty six (36) years of private practice, I have handled trials in all areas of civil practice. For example, I have both prosecuted and defended Article 78 proceedings (Declaratory Judgment and Mandamus proceedings)

and Article 7 (tax certiorari) proceedings in Supreme Court. I have participated in extensive hearings before Administrative Law Judges and have an extensive background in Trial practice, conducting over one hundred (100) Trials to verdict.

I have tried personal injury cases, conducted complicated eminent domain proceedings, administrative law hearings and many significant arbitration hearings.

I have also handled a significant number of Appeals before the Appellate Division, Supreme Court. In addition, I have handled matters in the United State District Court for the Northern District of New York and the New York State Court of Claims.

As Town Attorney, I have participated in all forms of municipal endeavors. I was Town Planning and Zoning Board Attorney for my entire 26 year term. I represented the rapidly expanding Town of Halfmoon in all legal matters. I was the Town of Halfmoon Special District Attorney, performing all legal work to establish numerous water districts, a new water treatment plant, Town Hall and Town Recreational Park, a sewer district and handled significant municipal bonding.

Not only am I able to discharge the duties required of a Supreme Court Justice, but I believe I have the experience, knowledge and demeanor to conduct myself appropriately in that capacity. I believe I will be able to resolve the disputes of litigants through the application of common sense, sound legal principals and an ability to work well with attorneys and parties alike. In the event that disputes can not be resolved expeditiously, I will be prepared to conduct trials in a fair, impartial, judicious manner and render timely decisions, based upon the existing codified laws and pertinent case laws.

I would be honored to serve the Third Department, Fourth Judicial District, as a Justice of the Supreme Court. I would be pleased to discuss my candidacy with you at your convenience and would welcome the opportunity to meet with you and discuss my qualifications and credentials.