

## **Press Release**

## Thomas A. Kauffman Announces Candidacy for Indiana County Court of Common Pleas

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Indiana, PA – Indiana County Attorney Thomas A. Kauffman released the following statement regarding this year's Court of Common Pleas race.

"Today, I am announcing my intention to run for Indiana County Court of Common Pleas Judge. As someone who has spent a great deal of time during the past quarter-century in the courtroom, I have the highest respect for the office and know firsthand how important it is for Indiana County to have qualified Judges in office. During law school I was a judicial intern for the Commonwealth Court in Harrisburg, and then after graduation was the judicial law clerk for Judge William Martin and Parker Ruddock here in Indiana.

"We need a Judge who has broad experience and is comfortable handling many different types of law. As a lawyer, I've been fortunate to have a practice that involves handling diverse matters – including business law, criminal defense, real estate and mineral matters, civil litigation, personal injury law, mental health proceedings, and estate work. Also, I have worked with hundreds of children as Guardian ad Litem and/or the Indiana County Juvenile Public Defender.

"Further, a Judge must serve with integrity and be trusted. I am not a politician, and this is my first time running for public office. My choice to run now is due to my sincere belief that at this time I am prepared and qualified to seek this office, both professionally and personally.

"As part of my personal beliefs, I believe it is important to give back. That is why over the past twenty-five years I have always served in some capacity as a volunteer — whether it be for Big Brothers/Big Sisters, a committee member at Graystone Presbyterian Church, solicitor of the Indiana Free Library and YMCA, or as a coach of a local Little League team. Indiana County has been good to me, and my family, and I would welcome the opportunity to serve the County as Judge.

"For anyone interested in learning more about me I encourage them to view our website at <a href="https://www.tomkauffmanforjudge.com">www.tomkauffmanforjudge.com</a> to learn more about why we believe I am the most-qualified and prepared candidate to serve Indiana County as the next Court of Common Pleas Judge." (Candidate Bio)