

## Ohio Supreme Court

“The Ohio Supreme Court decides all state constitutional questions, all criminal appeals that involve the death penalty, and any case that has great or significant interest to the citizens of the state of Ohio.

I’m Yvette McGee Brown. I had the honor of serving as the 153rd justice of the Ohio Supreme Court.

The Supreme Court is made up of a chief justice and six associate justices. They are elected to six-year terms. The only requirement is that they have been a lawyer for a minimum of six years.

I loved when we would go to communities and high school students could come in and they could watch our arguments. They can see us in action and understand that we are seven normal people just trying to do the best job as we understand it to be and to really interpret the laws of the state of Ohio, and giving more citizens access to how that happens, I think, is really important.

The justices decide cases that will impact citizens of the state for decades to come. Their decisions become the law of the land for Ohioans.”