



COSE Questionnaire

Please answer the following questions in 200 words or less or to the best of your ability. Your answers may be published *unedited and as submitted* as part of our continuing effort to keep our members informed about the candidates and issues during this election. We thank you for your time and cooperation. **We ask that you return your responses to us by 07/21/06** so that we may inform our members regarding your candidacy before the election. Please email all responses, questions or comments to mbanks@gcpartnership.com.

Candidate Information:

Candidate name:	Jennifer L. Brunner		
Committee name:	Jennifer Brunner Committee		
Office sought:	Ohio Secretary of State	District or county:	Statewide
Committee manager:	Kate Anderson		
Committee treasurer:	Laura T. Riggs-Kolman		
Party affiliation:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Democrat	<input type="checkbox"/> Republican	<input type="checkbox"/> Other:
Committee Address:	545 E. Town Street	City Columbus, OH	Zip: 43215
Expected campaign budget:	\$2,000,000	Amount raised to date:	\$1,013,550
Telephone:	614-255-4254	Fax:	614-229-7962
Email:	anderson@jenniferbrunner.com	Website:	www.jenniferbrunner.com
City of residence:	Columbus, OH	Number of years:	49

Educational Background (please include year of completion and degree(s) or certificate(s) received):

High School: Whetstone High School (public school), Columbus, OH
College: Miami University, Oxford, Ohio, cum laude
Capital University Law School, Order of the Curia, Columbus, Ohio

Teaching experience: taught Master's level class for Tiffin University on Legal and Ethical Issues for Criminal Justice (2004), and undergraduate level class in Constitutional Law for law enforcement track (2003).

Public offices held or which you were a candidate for (please include years of service):

Judge - Franklin County Court of Common Pleas

Memberships and affiliations (please list all honors, awards or distinctions received):

Please see attached

Endorsements received:

Please see attached

Candidate Questionnaire:

1) What are your top three policy issues or concerns?

1. Making Ohio's elections free, fair, open and honest so that anyone who is eligible to vote and wants to vote can do so in a system that can be audited and verified.

2. Making the ability to do business in Ohio easy and fair to all businesses through streamlined and user-friendly systems, as well as develop innovations to better support the business community. This is key to creating jobs in Ohio.

3. Bringing back the jobs that were outsourced by Ohio's current Secretary of State, to prevent individuals outside of the Secretary of State's office from releasing to the public Ohioans' private, personal data, i.e., social security numbers, and placing them at risk of identity theft.

2) What is your position in regard to voting reform that requires the presentation of state or federally issued identification in order to participate in elections as a voter?

I strongly believe that newly enacted Ohio voter identification requirements will disenfranchise voters who are living in poverty, minority, elderly and young or in college. The Secretary of State should be assisting and encouraging Ohioans to vote through helpful and reliable means rather than constructing roadblocks to citizens' ability to vote. For years a voter's signature has been the hallmark of identification, because it is extremely difficult to forge a signature. Now, the recent legislative changes in the face of evidence of little or no fraud in voting will result in longer lines, confused and disenfranchised voters and increased difficulties for pollworkers and boards of elections to effectively serve the public.

3) How do you intend to address concerns about and problems with election fraud in future state and national elections?

4) Do you think the current system of state legislative district apportionment is a fair and open process? If not, what changes do you recommend?

I supported State Issue 4 in the November 2005 general election. Since that time, the members of the Ohio House of Representatives have proposed HJR 13 to place on the election ballot a redistricting plan that would eliminate the Apportionment Board and replace it with a seven-member board, the majority of whom are selected by the Ohio Legislature, with the remaining three selected by these legislative appointees. I have publicly stated that I would support this plan if the following changes were made to it. To date the joint resolution does not meet with my support.

1. Competitiveness of districts must be a priority and measured objectively through a verifiable formula. The language of HJR 13 calls for "best efforts to maximize competitiveness" is inadequate.

2. Language should be included mandating that the proposal complies with the Voting Rights Act to ensure fair representation of minority voters and to ensure one-person, one-vote is honored and kept sacred.

3. Language should be added requiring that in case of deadlock, the most competitive plan before the Board should be automatically approved (currently there is no procedure to deal with deadlock).

4. Appeals involving issues pertaining to the U.S. Constitution, the Voting Rights Act and any federal redistricting law must be made to federal courts, and cannot be brought before the Ohio Supreme Courts. Any challenges of the plan that would be created to review the plan. This panel would consist of 2 judges of each political party, for example, appointed by the senior appellate judge of each political party, and whose collective decision on a plan would have to be reached by at least 3 judges of the panel.

5. The drawing of district lines should be left to the Apportionment Board – where the majority of members are elected by the people. Give the Apportionment Board rules for drawing fair district lines. That's what really matters. HJR 13 throws the baby out with the bath water and puts in the hands of the legislature the appointment of a majority of those who would draw their own district lines. There is a loss of the checks and balances of government.

Attachments 1:

JENNIFER BRUNNER FOR OHIO SECRETARY OF STATE
ENDORSEMENTS as of 7/14/06

Many individuals and organizations have publicly given their support to Jennifer's candidacy for Secretary of State:

Elected Officials

- * Paula Brooks, Franklin County Commissioner
- * Congressman Sherrod Brown
- * Michael Coleman, Mayor of Columbus
- * Richard Cordray, Franklin County Treasurer and Candidate for Ohio Treasurer
- * Timothy DeGeeter, State Representative, District 15
- * Jimmy Dimora, Cuyahoga County Commissioner
- * Hugh Dorrian, Columbus City Auditor
- * Teresa Fedor, State Senator, District 11
- * Tim Hagan, Cuyahoga County Commissioner
- * Frank Jackson, Mayor of Cleveland
- * Peter Lawson Jones, Cuyahoga County Commissioner
- * Mark Mallory, Mayor of Cincinnati
- * William D. Mason, Cuyahoga County Prosecutor
- * Rhine McLin, Mayor of Dayton
- * Dale Miller, State Senator, District 23
- * John O'Grady, Franklin County Clerk of Courts
- * Maryellen O'Shaughnessy, Columbus City Council
- * Dean DePiero, Mayor of Parma
- * Rick Pfeiffer, Columbus City Attorney
- * C.J. Prentiss, State Senator, Senate Democratic Leader
- * Tom Roberts, State Senator, District 5
- * Frank Russo, Cuyahoga County Auditor
- * Michael Skindell, State Representative, District 13
- * Fred Strahorn, State Representative, District 40
- * Lori Tyack, Franklin County Municipal Clerk of Court
- * Dan Troy, Lake County Commissioner
- * Congresswoman Stephanie Tubbs Jones
- * Nan Whaley, Dayton City Commissioner
- * Kenny Yuko, State Representative, District 7

Labor Unions

Jennifer Brunner has been endorsed by labor organizations representing over 700,000 working men and women and union retirees in the State of Ohio. A list of labor organizations endorsing Jennifer appears below.

- * AFSCME United (Includes members of OAPSE/AFSCME Local 4, AFSCME Council 8, and AFSCME's retirees organization, Ohio AFSCME Retirees Chapter 1184)
- * Cement Masons and Plasterers Local #886, Toledo, Ohio
- * Cleveland Building and Construction Trades Council
- * Columbus-Central Ohio Building and Construction Trades Council
- * Columbus Education Association
- * Columbus Education Association, Board of Governors
- * Columbus Fire Fighters Union Local 67
- * Construction and General Laborers' Union Local 480, Sandusky, Ohio
- * Executive Board of Local #175 UWUA, Dayton, Ohio
- * IBEW Local 8
- * IBEW Local 71
- * IBEW Local 212
- * IBEW Local 306
- * IBEW Local 648
- * IBEW Local 683
- * IBEW Local 688
- * IBEW Local 972
- * International Association of Bridge, Structural, Ornamental & Reinforcing Ironworkers, Local #550, Canton, Ohio
- * International Union of Operating Engineers Local 18, Cleveland, Ohio
- * Ironworkers Local 17, Cleveland, Ohio
- * Ironworkers Local 55, Toledo, Ohio
- * Ironworkers Local 172, Columbus, Ohio
- * Laborers District Council of Ohio
- * Laborers Local 310, Cleveland, Ohio
- * Laborers Local 423, Columbus, Ohio
- * Laborers Local 758, Lorain, Ohio
- * Laborers Local 500 PAC, Toledo, Ohio
- * Laborers Local 850, Cleveland, Ohio
- * National Association of Letter Carriers, Rubber City Branch No. 148
- * National Association of Social Workers, Ohio Chapter

- * North Central Building and Construction Trades Council
- * Northern Ohio Administrative District Council of Bricklayers and Allied Craftworkers, Hudson, Ohio
- * Ohio AFL-CIO
- * Ohio Association of Public School Employees (OAPSE/AFSCME Local 4), Columbus, Ohio
- * Ohio Conference of Teamsters
- * Ohio Civil Service Employees Association (OCSEA/AFSCME Local 11), Westerville, Ohio
- * Ohio Federation of Teachers
- * Ohio State Association of the Plumbing and Pipefitting Industry
- * Ohio State Building and Trades Construction Council
- * Painters and Allied Trades Local 7, Toledo, Ohio
- * Painters and Allied Trades District Council No. 12, Cincinnati, Ohio
- * Pipefitters Local Union 120, Cleveland, Ohio
- * Plumbers Union, Local 55, Cleveland, Ohio
- * Plumbers and Pipefitters Local #189, Columbus, Ohio
- * Plumbers and Pipefitters Local #219, Akron, Ohio
- * Plumbers and Pipefitters Local #396, Boardman, Ohio
- * Plumbers, Pipefitters, and Refrigeration Local Union #94, Canton, Ohio
- * Plumbers and Steamfitters Local #42, Norwalk, Ohio
- * Plumbers and Steamfitters Local #50, Toledo, Ohio
- * Road Sprinkler Fitters Local Union #669
- * Sheet Metal Workers, Local #24, Columbus, Ohio
- * Sheet Metal Workers, Local #33, Cleveland, Ohio
- * Southern Ohio Administrative District Council—International Union of Bricklayers and Allied Craftworkers
- * SOAR (Steelworkers Organization of Active Retirees) #28-7-1, Lorain, Ohio
- * Steelworkers Local #2, District 1
- * Steelworkers Local #1190, District 1
- * Teamsters Local 407, Cleveland, Ohio
- * Transport Workers Union of America, Ohio PAC
- * UFCW Local 1059, Columbus, Ohio
- * Upper Ohio Valley Building and Construction Trades Council, Steubenville, Ohio
- * United Association Plumbers and Steamfitters Local 50, Norhwood, Ohio
- * United Auto Workers, Region 2B CAP Council, Maumee, Ohio
- * Western Reserve Building Trades

County Parties

- * Allen County
- * Ashland County
- * Columbiana County
- * Fayette County
- * Franklin County
- * Hardin County
- * Jefferson County
- * Knox County
- * Miami County
- * Paulding County
- * Pickaway County
- * Sandusky County
- * Scioto County
- * Union County
- * Vinton County
- * Wood County

Other Organizations Supporting Jennifer's Campaign

- * Cleveland Stonewall Democrats
- * Coalition of Women Voters For A Better Government
- * EMILY's List
- * Lakewood Democratic Club
- * NARAL Ohio
- * National Stonewall Democrats
- * Ohio Democratic Party
- * Ohio Democratic Women's Caucus
- * Ohio Legislative Black Caucus
- * Planned Parenthood Affiliates of Ohio
- * Stonewall Democrats of Central Ohio
- * Women's Campaign Forum

Attachments 2:

JENNIFER L. BRUNNER
Candidate for Ohio Secretary of State
Memberships and Affiliations

EDUCATION:

Capital University Law School, Columbus, Ohio

J.D. earned 12/82, Order of the Curia Honor Society, Upper 20% of Law School Class; American Jurisprudence Award in Evidence, Summer 1981; Law Review Staff, 1980; Legal Writing Advisor, 1980-1982

Miami University, Oxford, Ohio

B.A., Sociology-Gerontology, Cum Laude, 8/78, Mortar Board, Omicron Delta Kappa, Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities, A.R. McMicken Alumni Scholarship Recipient, Outstanding papers presented at All-Ohio Student Gerontology Conferences 1979,1980, Outstanding paper presented at Alpha Kappa Delta Sociology Research Symposium, Richmond, VA 1978

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS:

Columbus Bar Association

Ohio State Bar Association

American Bar Association

Ohio Women's Bar Association

Franklin County Women Lawyers

Fellow, Columbus Bar Foundation

Fellow, Ohio State Bar Foundation

Organizing member of Franklin County Mental Health Courts Task Force, now known as Specialty Dockets Advisory Committee for Franklin County

Former Member, Advisory Committee for the Mentally Ill in Courts, Ohio Supreme Court

Former Member, Specialty Dockets Committee, Ohio Supreme Court

Former Member, Judicial Corrections Board (governing board for Franklin County Community Based Correctional Facility)

Former Member, Court Personnel Committee, Franklin County Common Pleas Court

Former Member, Court Technology Committee, Franklin County Common Pleas Court

Former Member, New Judges Committee, Franklin County Common Pleas Court

Former Member, Grants Review Committee, Franklin County Common Pleas Court

Former Member, Assigned Counsel for Indigent Defendants Committee, Franklin County Common Pleas Court

PRESENTATIONS:

Presenter for Ohio State Bar Association, Ethics, Professionalism and Substance Abuse 2005

Presenter for the Columbus Jewish Federation Cardozo Society, Professionalism 2005

Presenter for Franklin County Trial Lawyers, Professionalism 2005

Presenter for Ohio State Bar Association Litigation Section Conference, Professionalism 2005

Presenter for 2002 Ohio Judicial Conference New Judge Orientation mock trial program

Presenter, New Attorneys Seminar, Ohio Supreme Court, on Civility and Professionalism, 2004 and 2005

Presenter, Ohio State Bar Association, Civility and Professionalism, 2003 and 2004

Presenter, Franklin County Trial Lawyers Association, on Trial Tactics, 2004

Presenter, 2004 National GAINS Center Conference, "An Ohio Drug Court Addressing Substance Abuse and Co-occurring Disorders", Las Vegas, NV, May 2004

Presenter, Capital University National Symposium on Law and Mental Health, on sanctions and rewards in drug courts, May 2005

Presenter, 2005 Ohio State Bar Association Convention, "The Role of Specialty Dockets in Criminal Justice", May 2005

Presenter, 2005 International Association of Law and Mental Health Conference, “Addressing Co-occurring Disorders in Drug Courts”, Paris, France, July 2005

Presenter on Bridges Out of Poverty at Ohio Association of Drug Court Professionals, October 2005

ADJUNCT PROFESSOR:

Tiffin University, Constitutional Law, Undergraduate Criminal Justice Program, 2003

Tiffin University, Law and Ethics, Graduate Criminal Justice Program, 2004

Certified to teach “Bridges Out of Poverty” curriculum (www.ahaprocess.com) to criminal justice professionals, 2004

NONPROFIT BOARD MEMBERSHIPS:

Mental Health Association of Franklin County, Board Member

Former Board member, Ohio Community Corrections Organization, Board Member, representing Ohio Common Pleas Judges Association

Former Board member, Columbus Area, Inc. (mental health provider)

AWARDS:

Ohio Public Lawyers Employees Association

Award for Outstanding Service to Ohio Public Employee Unions, January 2001

Mental Health Association of Franklin County:

Norman Guitry Award for outstanding leadership in the promotion of mental health and the prevention of mental illness 11/7/2002

National Alliance for the Mentally Ill:

Bernie Kuhr “Extra Mile” Award in serving people suffering from severe mental illness 10/23/2002

The Southeast, Inc.:

Board of Trustees Award for work toward mental health court dockets in Franklin County 11/4/2002

North Central Mental Health Services Mary Alice Beetham Outstanding Service Award

Board of Trustees Award for work on mental health and in establishing TIES Program drug court specialty docket 10/1/04

PUBLICATIONS:

- Law review article publication, Michigan State University, Detroit College of Law, “Separation of Powers as Basis for Restraint on a Free Speaking Judiciary and the Implementation of Canon 7 of the Ohio Code of Judicial Conduct as a Model for Other States.” (<http://www.law.msu.edu/lawrev/99-3/6-Brunner.pdf>)
- Publisher and editor of former quarterly publication for political action committees, *Political Action Quarterly*.
- Authored articles for Columbus Board of Realtors and Ohio Home Builders Association periodicals.
- Authored various articles for Ohio State Bar Association’s “Law You Can Use” series, republished in various newspapers in Ohio; articles include: “What You Should Know

about Registering to Vote,” “How You Can Fight ‘City Hall’,” “Electing Judges: How Do Voters Decide?,” and “What Laws Govern Elections?” (<http://www.ohiobar.org>)

- Columbus Bar Association, “Florence Allen, An Ohio First”, (<http://www.cbalaw.org/publications/barbriefs/index.asp?issue=34&id=227>)

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:

- Member, Central Ohio Democracy for America
- Member, Franklin County Democratic Party
- Member, Franklin County Democratic Lawyers Club
- Member, Stonewall Democrats of Central Ohio
- Delegate, 1996 Democratic National Convention.
- Member, Credentials Committee, 1992 Democratic National Convention.
- Member, Columbus Rotary Club
- Member, Our Lady of Peace Church
- Member, Bishop Watterson School Board, 2000 - 2002, representing band organizations
- Co-president with Rick L. Brunner, Bishop Watterson High School Band Boosters (1999-2000)
- Columbus Public Schools guest reader at Linden Elementary 1/2000
- 6th Grade Girls’ Volleyball Coach, Our Lady of Peace School (1999)
- Coordinated intern program for law firm that has hosted four individuals as interns from Germany and Belgium, and as judge co-hosted individual from Germany as intern in 2001 and Netherlands in 2004 (1998-2004)
- Vice-president, Bishop Watterson High School Band Boosters (1998-99)
- Host family for French student - NACEL (1999)
- Treasurer, Westerville, Ohio, French Back-to-Back foreign student exchange program (1995-96)
- Secretary, McVay Elementary PTA (1992-93); Parent volunteer, McVay Elementary School, Westerville, Ohio
- Past member, Board of the Downtown Playschool, a nonprofit child care center, helping Board to incorporate its operations
- Selected 1985 Young Career Woman of Capitol City Business and Professional Women's Club and 1985 Young Career Woman of the Twelfth District of Ohio Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs, competed in Young Career Woman state competition in May 1985 with speech presentation and extemporaneous question and answer sessions on current issues affecting women