

Kristen F. Rock

Kristen F. Rock, 51, is a Liberty Township resident and candidate for Trumbull County Commissioner. She brings more than 25 years of legal, business, government, financial oversight, and community leadership experience to her campaign.

Rock has practiced law for more than two decades, representing businesses and individuals in employment, civil litigation, and general legal matters. Her career includes representing major companies in state and federal courts, negotiating employment contracts, and working with business leaders and employees to resolve complex legal and financial issues.

Before becoming an attorney, Rock worked for the Ohio Department of Development's International Trade Division in Columbus, counseling Ohio manufacturers on expanding their international sales. She served as a liaison between the State of Ohio and the Ohio-Mexico Trade Office and traveled extensively throughout Mexico and Asia on behalf of Ohio businesses. Her experience gives her a strong understanding of economic development, the needs of Ohio manufacturers, and the importance of creating opportunities for Ohio companies and workers.

Rock has significant experience in local government and fiscal oversight. Appointed by the Ohio Department of Education, she served on the Liberty Local School District Fiscal Oversight Commission, working with district officials to reduce spending, budget responsibly, and provide taxpayers with a voice in critical financial decisions. During her tenure, Liberty Local successfully emerged from fiscal emergency. Her public-service experience also includes serving on the Liberty Township Zoning Board, where she worked to promote responsible growth.

Rock has devoted much of her life to community service. She is a 23-year member of the Junior League of the Mahoning Valley, where she received the President's Volunteer Service Award. She has served as president of the Logan Swim and Tennis Club, overseeing its operations and finances while doubling membership, reducing debt, and increasing community involvement. She is currently a member of the board of the Sisters of the Humility of Mary Charitable Trust.

Her commitment to children and families includes serving as a Court-Appointed Special Advocate (CASA), president of the St. Rose Home and School Board, and a Junior Achievement volunteer. She also served as risk manager for CISV, an international nonprofit organization for children.

Rock is a graduate of Ursuline High School in Youngstown. She earned a bachelor's degree in French and economics from the University of Pittsburgh, including international study in London and Toulon, France. While working full-time for the Ohio Department of Development, she attended Capital University Law School at night and earned her Juris Doctor degree, graduating magna cum laude.

Rock is running for Trumbull County Commissioner because she believes county government needs strong professional leadership, responsible financial management, economic development, and long-term planning. Her campaign emphasizes lowering energy costs, improving county services, strengthening economic opportunities, responsible growth, and greater transparency and accountability in county government.

She and her husband, Jason, have four children. The family lives in Liberty Township and enjoys kayaking and traveling.