



The Honorable Thomas M. Bernabei, Mayor Official Biography

Thomas M. Bernabei is Mayor of the City of Canton, Ohio. He was elected in 2015 and is currently in his first term.

Mayor Bernabei is a lifelong resident of Stark County and lives in Canton, Ohio. He is a 1964 graduate of Canton Lehman High School. He graduated from Brown University in 1968 and the Ohio State University School College of Law in 1975. Between college and law school, Mayor Bernabei served four years in the United States Army, including one tour of duty in Vietnam.

Mayor Bernabei entered public service as Assistant Prosecutor in Massillon Municipal Court. He later served as an Assistant Law Director in Canton and was elected Canton Law Director in 1989. After retiring from the Law Department in 2000, Mayor Bernabei was elected to Canton City Council and served one term as Councilman at-Large. He subsequently worked as Director of Public Service in Canton from 2008 to 2009 and as SARTA's interim Executive Director in 2009. Mayor Bernabei was elected Stark County Commissioner and served from 2010 – 2015.

Mayor Bernabei proudly practiced law with his father, Joseph, from 1975 to 1989. He is married to Bebe, a Canton Central Catholic High School graduate. They have three daughters and five grandchildren.