

## Michelle Paris



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**Occupation:** Visiting Magistrate and Adjunct Professor at Cleveland-Marshall College of Law and Case Western Reserve School of Law

**Education:** BSED from Ohio University and JD from Cleveland-Marshall College of Law

**Work Experience:** Magistrate/ Chief Magistrate from 1988 to 2008 ; Volunteer Attorney at Legal Aid Society from 2009 to 2010; Visiting Magistrate from 2010 to 2015; Adjunct Professor at Case Western Reserve School of Law 2012 to present and Cleveland-Marshall College of Law from 2013 to present

**Family:** Married with 2 children

**Affiliations:** I am on the Boards of Trustees at the YWCA and The Cleveland -Marshall College of Law Alumni Association

**Endorsements:** Ohio Democratic Women's Caucus; Cuyahoga Democratic Women's Caucus; Stanley C. Koci, Mayor of Bedford, OH; Susan C. Renda, Mayor of Moreland Hills, OH; Kathy Mulcahy, Mayor of Orange Village, OH; David Smith, Mayor of N. Randall, OH; Shontel Brown, Councilwoman, Cuyahoga County Council; Kenny Yuko, State Senate, 25th District; Michael J. Skindell, State Senate, 23rd District; Teamsters Ohio D.R.I.V.E., Local 41; Fraternal Order of Police Lodges 57, 67, 102; Laborer's International Union, Local 310; Journeymen Plumbers Union, Local No. 55; I.B.E.W., Local 673; Carpenters Local Union, No. 435.

### (1) List your judicial experience (courts & years).

I was appointed a Magistrate in Cleveland Municipal Court in January 1988 to May 2008. During that time, I served as the Chief Magistrate from September 1990 to August 2001. I have served as a visiting Magistrate in Cleveland Municipal Court from 2010 to 2015.

### (2) What about your non-judicial legal experience qualifies you to be a judge?

I know and love the study of law. I was an elementary school teacher before I went to law school. I have continued to teach throughout my legal career of over 20 years. I am a regular presenter for the Ohio Judicial College, Cleveland-Marshall College of Law Alumni Association, Ohio Association of Court Magistrates and area bar associations. I am also an adjunct professor at Cleveland-Marshall College of Law and Case Western Reserve School of Law. I teach courses in a variety of topics dealing with municipal court law from traffic issues to garnishments. My teaching experience keeps me up to date on the laws that affect a municipal court. I volunteered as a Legal Aid attorney from Feb. 2009 to Feb. 2010 in the Consumer Law Section. I volunteered as a reading tutor at Buckeye-Woodland Elementary School from 2005 to 2012. I have served as a volunteer at a host of other activities in the community. These volunteer experiences connect me with the strengths and challenges of the surrounding communities.

**Bar Association Ratings:** Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association – ‘Rated EXCELLENT’; Cuyahoga Criminal Defense Lawyer’s Association – ‘Rated EXCELLENT’; Normal S. Minor Bar Association – ‘Rated EXCELLENT’; Ohio Women’s Bar Association – ‘Rated EXCELLENT’

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