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**Division of Domestic Relations**

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CLEVELAND – Judge Colleen Ann Reali began a six-year term today as judge of Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court in the Domestic Relations Division.

Reali, 48, of Westlake, fills the seat vacated by the retirement of Judge Rosemary Grdina Gold who served for 10 years. Prior to being elected to the bench, Reali served as a Magistrate in the Domestic Relations Court since 2014. She previously served as an Assistant County Prosecuting Attorney for Cuyahoga County for 14 years in the Major Trial Unit.

Judge Reali received unanimous approval in the lead up to her election with across-the-board excellent ratings from the Cuyahoga Metropolitan Bar Association, the Norman S. Minor Bar Association, the Ohio Women’s Bar Association, the Cuyahoga Criminal Defense Lawyers Association, and the Asian American Bar Association of Ohio.

Reali earned her Bachelor of Arts from Fordham University in 1994 and her Juris Doctorate from St. John’s University in 1997.

“Judge Reali has gained the respect of the citizens of Cuyahoga County and the legal community through twenty years of public service,” Administrative Judge Leslie Ann Celebrezze said. “Her professional experience and her commitment to Cuyahoga County are testament to her ability to serve as a fair and effective judge.”

“The issues the court touches upon are universal issues that impact most families: their children and their family. With too many families struggling due to the impact of the pandemic, I am prepared to help them guide them through this difficult time with professionalism and empathy,” Reali said.

A native Clevelander, Reali is an active member of her community. She has volunteered and served on the boards of many organizations, including the Father Welsh Academy, the Mayo Society of Cleveland, the Little Brothers and Sisters of the Eucharist, the Irish American Archives Society, and the YMCA.

Reali is married and has a daughter.

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