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Judge Rosemary Grdina Gold retired from the Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas, Division of Domestic Relations Court after serving on the bench for 10 years.

Judge Gold was appointed in April 2010 by Governor Ted Strickland to fill the vacancy on the Court created by the retirement of Judge Timothy M. Flanagan. She was elected in November 2010 to serve the remainder of the term and won reelection in 2014 to a new term that expired January 7, 2021. Judge Gold served as the Division's Administrative Judge for two years in 2016 and 2017. Before joining the Court, she practiced family and civil litigation law for over 27 years.

In 2014, Judge Gold was appointed to the Supreme Court of Ohio's Access to Justice Task Force. During her tenure as Administrative Judge, Judge Gold established the Court's Help Center – one of the recommendations of the Task Force – to assist litigants and lawyers in completing court forms and preparing judgment entries for final hearing. She has been a strong advocate of access to justice, encouraging volunteer lawyers to assist self-represented parties pro bono. Gold also served for five years on the Supreme Court's Advisory Committee on Court Security. She was a member of the Ohio Judicial Conference's Domestic Relations Law & Procedure Committee and its Public Confidence and Community Outreach Committee.

As a result of serving on the Access to Justice Task Force, Judge Gold was appointed as a member of the Steering Committee charged with the development of a website for Ohio to provide free legal information. The project resulted in the creation of Ohio Legal Help, which provides plain language information, interactive self-help tools, standardized legal forms, and community resources to help Ohioans resolve their legal issues. Judge Gold served on the Ohio Legal Help Advisory Committee until her retirement. Judge Gold has been a frequent speaker on access to justice and domestic relations topics.

As a retired judge, Judge Gold continues as a member of the Ohio Judicial Conference's Domestic Relations Law & Procedure Committee.

"Serving on the Cuyahoga County Domestic Relations Court has been the most rewarding time of my legal career," said Gold. "After practicing in the fields of family law and civil litigation for over 25 years, it was the natural progression and a fit ending. I am blessed to have worked with the many fellow judges, magistrates, directors and staff at the Court over these past 10+ years and will remember them fondly."

Magistrate Ann Weatherhead retired January 2020, after 33 years as a referee and magistrate with the Domestic Relations Court.

After joining the Domestic Relations Court, she served as a Trustee of the Ohio Association of Magistrates and chaired its Domestic Relations practice group. In 2007, she was awarded the OAM's Education Award. In 2011, she was awarded the OAM's first President's Award for establishing a program where magistrates volunteer in the communities where Association conferences are held. Magistrate Weatherhead authored the spousal support chapter in Baldwin's Ohio Practice, Sowald and Morganstern, Domestic Relations Law. Magistrate Weatherhead also served as Chief Magistrate from 2018 to 2020.

"We are enormously grateful to Judge Gold and Magistrate Weatherhead for their contributions," recalled Administrative Judge Leslie Ann Celebrezze. "We congratulate them on their many accomplishments and retirement and wish them well."

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