



**Summit County
Domestic Relations Court**

Administrative Judge Katarina Cook
Judge Kani H. Hightower

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DIANE DOUGHERTY, MAGISTRATE**



Magistrate Diane L. Dougherty was raised in Stark County, Ohio and graduated from Perry High School in 1978. In 1982, she graduated from Bowling Green State University with a Bachelor of Arts degree. She graduated from the University of Akron, School of Law in 1988 and was admitted to the Ohio Bar in May 1988.

Prior to graduation from law school, she worked as a paralegal with Amer, Cunningham, Brennan, Co., LPA and as a Bailiff for the Honorable Judge W. Don Reader in the Stark County Family Court. Diane was engaged in private practice for 28 years with an emphasis on criminal defense in the Federal and State systems, juvenile, domestic relations, civil litigation and bankruptcy matters. She served as a GAL in both Stark and Summit Counties, a

Mediator for Summit County Juvenile Court and Mediator for Summit County Domestic Relations Court. She also served on the Stark County Family Court's Citizens' Review Board for 15 years. From January 2006 to January 2016, she served as a part-time Magistrate in the Medina Municipal Court. In February 2016, she joined the Summit County Common Pleas Court, General Division as a full-time Magistrate, Mediator and Judicial Attorney. She joined the Summit County Domestic Relations Court in March of 2017. She is a member of the Ohio Association of Magistrates, the Ohio Association of Domestic Relations Judges and the American Bar Association.

In her spare time, Diane enjoys all types of sports, especially golf and swimming. She also enjoys singing, spending time with her two dogs and is a die-hard fan of The Ohio State Buckeyes, Cleveland Cavs, Guardians and unfortunately, the Browns.



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