



**Summit County
Domestic Relations Court**

Administrative Judge Katarina Cook
Judge Kani H. Hightower

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CARA FORD, TRIAL MAGISTRATE**



Magistrate Ford is a graduate of the University of California, Irvine with a Bachelor in English. She obtained her Juris Doctorate Degree from the University Of Akron School Of Law and has bar admissions to the Ohio State Bar, United States District Court, Northern District of Ohio, United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit and the United States Supreme Court.

Magistrate Ford has previous experience working for Judge Brenda Burnham-Unruh in Summit County Court of Common Pleas, Child Support Enforcement Agency as a Hearing Officer and as an Assistant Prosecuting Attorney for the City of Akron. Most recently, she was in private practice with a focus on criminal defense, juvenile issues, and evictions for two apartment complexes. For over 5 years, she was a Guardian ad Litem and volunteered as a Court Appointed Special Advocate for children. Additionally, while maintaining her private law practice, she was the crossroads attorney for Summit County Juvenile Court where she represented juveniles who had abuse / dependence problems and mental health issues.

Magistrate Cara Ford came to Domestic Relations Court in May of 2019.

Magistrate Ford is married with two children. She is a member of Delta Sigma Theta, and The House of the Lord where she volunteers in the nursery and marriage ministry

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