

2011 PRESIDENTIAL AWARD

*Recognizing Outstanding Leadership in the Delivery
of Pro Bono Legal Services in the State of Ohio*



The Honorable Mary Jane Trapp

Judge Mary Jane Trapp is the 2011 Presidential Award winner in recognition of her leadership in advancing pro bono service both within her appellate district and statewide.

As chair of the Appellate District Pro Bono Project's 11th District committee, Judge Trapp set a goal of bringing foreclosure mediation to every county in the district, and was instrumental in establishing those programs in Lake and Geauga Counties. In Geauga County in particular, Judge Trapp's influence and leadership have helped to shape the pro bono culture of the private bar as only judicial encouragement can.



PROVIDING RESOURCES AND SUPPORT FOR OHIO'S LEGAL AID PROGRAMS

2011 OLAF Presidential Award Recipient

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Judge Trapp recognized early the widespread impact of foreclosure; that recognition played a key role in both establishing foreclosure mediation programs within the 11th Appellate District and in recruiting attorneys to represent homeowners in foreclosure mediation cases.

Mary Jane Trapp, a past president of the Ohio State Bar Association, was elected to the 11th District Court of Appeals in 2006 after 25 years of private practice in northeast Ohio and Pennsylvania. She is a graduate of Mount Holyoke College and Case Western Reserve University School of Law. In addition to her general civil and criminal law practice, she served as a mediator, arbitrator, and guardian ad litem for courts in Ohio.

Judge Trapp served by appointment to numerous Supreme Court of Ohio committees, commissions and task forces, and currently serves on the Court's Commission on the Rules of Practice and Procedure. She is noted for her leadership in the area of administration of justice and legal reform.

She is a member of the American Bar Association's House of Delegates, representing the Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association; is a life member of the Judicial Conference of the Eighth Appellate District; and in 2009 received the Founder's Award from the Ohio Women's Bar Association. Judge Trapp is married to Mike Apicella, and has four stepchildren and three step grandchildren.

In its nomination, the Legal Aid Society of Cleveland aptly observed about Judge Trapp "Her voice about pro bono is firm and strong - and effective! Our community and the state of Ohio are better for her leadership. All at Cleveland Legal Aid are honored to call her our friend and colleague in pro bono advocacy."

The Ohio Legal Assistance Foundation Presidential Award is presented annually by the President of the OLAF Board of Trustees to an individual, firm or organization that has demonstrated outstanding leadership in the delivery of pro bono services in the State of Ohio.

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