

## **BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

### **ELIZABETH GILL**

Judge

Franklin County Court of Common Pleas  
Domestic Relations Division and Juvenile Branch  
373 S. High Street, Courtroom 63  
Columbus, OH 43215



#### **PERSONAL STATEMENT**

I am honored to have been nominated to serve on the Board of Governors of the Columbus Bar Association. I have been a proud member of the CBA for 35 years. Throughout my career as a practicing attorney and now for the last 16 years as a Judge, I strived to maintain and promote professional excellence and effective advocacy within our profession. Over my career I have known and appreciated the CBA to be an outstanding organizational leader in encouraging and promoting professionalism through educational programs and community service among its members. During the last 16 years my work across the State and across the country has allowed me to interact with many different courts and bar associations. I say with certainty that our membership has the finest examples of our profession amongst its ranks. The opportunity to be a part of the leadership group of this association is a source of inspiration to me.

The practice of law is more difficult and demanding today than ever before. This is particularly evident in my area of focus in family and juvenile law. I believe it is critical that the Bench and Bar always strive through education, information, and shared experiences to address the needs of both the public and our profession to the highest level possible. My career has included individual, small, medium, and corporate law firm practice and now the bench. From this unique historical (and current) perspective I believe I can connect with the CBA's diverse membership to develop support systems, networking opportunities and programs creating positive outcomes over all areas of the practice of law as our membership faces the daily challenges of lawyering and advocacy as we all strive to elevate the integrity of our profession and build public confidence in our legal system.

It is for these reasons and with these beliefs I look forward to continue to serve.

**EDUCATION**

University of Cincinnati, Bachelor of Arts with honors in Political Science (1984) The  
Ohio State University Moritz College of Law, Juris Doctorate (1987)

**LAW RELATED BACKGROUND**

2007-Present Franklin County Court of Common Pleas, Dom. Relations Division and Juvenile Branch  
Lead Juvenile Judge: January 2012 to December 2021

Past Judicial Lead: Juvenile Restorative Justice Circles, Recovery Courts and Empowerment Court

2000 – 2006 Associate Attorney, Baker & Hostetler LLP 1993 –

2000 Private Practice, M. Elizabeth Gill, Esq.

1992 – 1993 Partner, Bertram, Hudson & Gill

1990 – 1992 Associate Attorney, Luper, Wolinetz, Sheriff & Neidenthal 1987 –

1990 Law Clerk and Associate Attorney, Thomas M. Bolon, Esq.

### **ADDITIONAL BACKGROUND**

Columbus Bar Association Board of Governors (June 2023 to date)  
Advisory Committee on Children & Families, Supreme Court of Ohio (1/1/2013-12/31/2018 and 1/1/23-12/31/25)  
Co-chair Advisory Comm. on Children & Families, Supreme Court of Ohio (1/1/19 -12/31/21)  
Chair Juvenile Justice Sub-Committee, Adv. Committee on Children & Families (2016 to 2024)  
Chair of the Ohio JDAI State Leadership Committee (2020-2021)  
Commission on the Rules of Practice & Procedure, Supreme Court of Ohio (2008-2013)  
City of Columbus Commission on Black Girls (July 2018-December 2020) (Jan. 2022-to present) Past  
Past Board Member Franklin County Youth Council  
Past Member National Juvenile Justice Reform and State Courts Initiative  
Past Member Safe Haven Advisory Commission  
Past Board of Directors 4<sup>th</sup> District Trustee: Ohio Association of Juvenile Court Judges  
Past member of Domestic Relations Law & Procedure Committee and Juvenile Law & Procedure Committee: Ohio Judicial College  
Alvis House, two-term Board member (1995-2001)

### **BAR ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES** Member

since 1988  
Columbus Bar Association Fellow  
Presenter Various Continuing Education Courses and Lunch box series. Rock-n-Bowl  
Participant  
Ohio Center for Law-Related Education Moot Court, volunteer judge

### **OTHER BAR ASSOCIATION AND LAW RELATED ORGANIZATIONS**

Ohio Association of Domestic Relations Judges  
Ohio Association of Juvenile Court Judges  
Supreme Court of Ohio Judicial College  
National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges; Juv. Law Advisory Committee (2017-2018)  
Ohio State Bar Association  
Association of Family and Conciliation Courts

### **HONORS & AWARDS**

Central Ohio Association for Justice, Recipient: 2011 George E. Tyack Award for Judicial Excellence  
2013 Henry Toll Fellow – Counsel for State Governments  
Ohio Association of Juvenile Court Judges, Recipient: 2017 Distinguished Service Award American Academy Matrimonial Lawyers-Ohio Branch, Recipient:  
2018 William S. Friedman Professionalism Award  
Recipient: The Moritz College of Law's 2021 William K. Thomas Distinguished Jurist Award

### **PUBLICATIONS**

An overview of Ohio's Behavioral Health Juvenile Justice diversion program: Outcomes and perspectives from the field. *Juvenile Justice Update*, 3-21:  
Kretschmar, J., Butcher, F., Gill, E., & Kresic, M. (Civic Research Institute:2022, Summer)