



Judge Marilyn Zayas First Appellate District

Judge Marilyn Zayas was elected to the First Appellate District in 2016.

Prior to joining the First Appellate District of Ohio, Judge Marilyn Zayas served the community as an attorney for nearly 20 years. In 2000 she founded a private practice and successfully ran it until her election. Judge Marilyn Zayas has practiced across various courts including every county court in Hamilton County, in Courts of Appeals, and Federal Courts. She has an extensive legal background including: investor, business and family immigration law; intellectual property; labor and employment; criminal; and juvenile law.

Judge Marilyn Zayas grew up in a tough New York City neighborhood. Her dad worked in a printing shop and her mom worked as a seamstress in a garment factory. Judge Marilyn Zayas overcame numerous obstacles to earn a college degree in computer science. She made Cincinnati her home in 1988 when she came to work for Procter & Gamble. She left P & G in 1994 to pursue her dream to become a lawyer.

Judge Marilyn Zayas has served as an adjunct professor at her alma mater, the University Of Cincinnati College Of Law. Prior to taking the bench, she was honored to provide training to judges, magistrates, and the Cincinnati FBI in victims' advocacy and immigration law.

Judge Marilyn Zayas currently serves on the board of Beech Acres Parenting Center and has served on the board of Catholic Charities of Southwest Ohio and The Cincinnati Ballet.

Judge Marilyn Zayas' family includes her three adult children and two adopted rescue dogs: Thor and Sparkle Lou.

