

ABOUT JUDGE MARY MCGINLEY

Judge Mary McGinley proudly serves in the Family Division of the Court of Common Pleas of Allegheny County. As an undergraduate at Penn State University, Judge McGinley studied Sociology and Gerontology. She also met her husband, Patrick, while attending Penn State. Judge McGinley graduated from the Duquesne University School of Law in 2002 where she was a member of the Law Review and student manager of the Economic Development Clinic.

Judge McGinley started working with the law firm of Meyer, Unkovic & Scott, LLP when she was in law school and remained in private practice with that Firm throughout her legal career. As a trial attorney, Judge McGinley had a unique practice working on cases in the Pennsylvania trial courts' Orphans' Court Division. She also handled complex commercial disputes in both state and federal courts.

Judge McGinley continues family traditions of service in the legal and judicial professions and service to the community at large. The call to service was instilled in Judge McGinley by both her mother, Nancy, and father, Jack. For twelve years, Judge McGinley served as Co-Chair of Allegheny County Bar Foundation's Attorneys Against Hunger, a campaign effort that coordinates resources and volunteers for hunger agencies throughout Allegheny County. Judge McGinley previously served as a Trustee of the Allegheny County Bar Foundation and currently serves on the Board of Trustees of Carlow University.

On August 12, 2019, Judge McGinley was sworn in as Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of Allegheny County, having been appointed by Governor Tom Wolf after nomination by State Senator Jay Costa. She was elected to serve a ten-year term on the bench beginning in January 2020 and currently handles matters stemming from family conflict, including custody, divorce and protection from abuse cases. Judge McGinley also serves on the Judicial Ethics Committee of the Pennsylvania Conference of State Trial Judges, which provides advice on ethical concerns to judicial candidates and over 400 trial judges throughout the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Judge McGinley is most proud of her family. She is happiest when she is spending time with her husband, Patrick, and their children, Kristina and Jack, two busy grade schoolers.