

Julia L. Dorrian
Appellate Judge
Tenth District Court of Appeals (Franklin County)



On January 2, 2011, Judge Julia L. Dorrian began a six-year term on the Tenth District Court of Appeals (Franklin County). Prior to becoming an appellate judge, she served as a trial judge for seven years on the Franklin County Municipal Court. Before becoming a trial judge, Judge Dorrian practiced law at Bricker & Eckler LLP in Columbus, Ohio. Prior to becoming a lawyer, she worked on affordable housing issues at St. Stephens Community House in Columbus, Ohio; served as the Project Director for the translation of the *Report of the Chilean National Commission on Truth and Reconciliation* at the Center for Civil & Human Rights, Notre Dame Law School; served two years as a lay volunteer with the Holy Cross Associates in Santiago, Chile; and worked at International Business-Government Counsellors in Washington, D.C. Judge Dorrian earned a B.A. from the University of Notre Dame, an M.A. in Public Policy and Management from the John Glenn School of Public Affairs at the Ohio State University and a J.D. from the Moritz College of Law at the Ohio State University. She also studied at L'Universite Catholique de l'Ouest in Angers, France and at the Instituto de Estudios de America Latina in Cuernavaca, Mexico.

Judge Dorrian was the first Franklin County Municipal Court Judge to have waiver of rights and advice for non-U.S. citizen forms translated into Somali, as well as Spanish. In 2005, Chief Justice Moyer appointed Judge Dorrian to the Supreme Court Advisory Committee on Interpreter Services. In his 2007 Annual State of the Judiciary Address, the Chief Justice recognized the efforts of the Translation Subcommittee, which Judge Dorrian chaired:

Judge Dorrian, of the Franklin County Municipal Court, is leading an effort to make court documents more accessible to the non-English speaking population. A subcommittee chaired by Judge Dorrian is overseeing the translation of the most common forms used in all divisions of common pleas and municipal courts. Documents such as plea forms, explanation of rights, jury waivers and affidavits of indigency will be translated into the most frequently spoken [foreign] languages.

The forms now translated into Spanish, Somali, Russian, Arabic and Mandarin can be found at the [Ohio Supreme Court web site](#).

Judge Dorrian is the author of *Columbus v. Lopez-Antonio*, 153 Ohio Misc.2d 4, 914 N.E.2d 464, 2009 -Ohio- 4892, which addressed how to determine if a court interpreter is qualified.