

News Release

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JUDGE KELLY McLAUGHLIN RECEIVES PRESTIGIOUS AWARD

Judge Kelly McLaughlin of the Summit County Court of Common Pleas General Division has been named the recipient of the prestigious Harold K. Stubbs Humanitarian Award for Outstanding Service in Law.

The award, sponsored by St. Paul African Methodist Episcopal Church of Akron, recognizes those who have made contributions in areas such as social action, government, business, medicine and law. It is named for Stubbs, an Akron judge and community leader who died in 1989 and was actively involved with St. Paul church. The award was presented Friday, March 27, 2026 at a dinner held at the Doubletree by Hilton Akron Fairlawn. Additionally, the event awards scholarships to many deserving high school students to help offset the cost of future education.

“Harold K. Stubbs exemplified the finest qualities of the judiciary. His dedication to the profession, the community, and his status as a trailblazer serve as an inspiration to me. I am honored and humbled to have received this award. I will strive every day to live up to this distinction that has been bestowed upon me,” said Judge McLaughlin.

Judge Alison McCarty, Administrative Judge of the Common Pleas Court General Division, reacted to the news, saying, “it is always gratifying to see one of our colleagues recognized for the good work she is doing,” offering her congratulations.

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