

Judge Mary Beth Shank has served as a Judge of the Court of Common Pleas, 39th Judicial District since January of 2020. Her current areas of assignment include criminal, family and juvenile matters.

Judge Shank graduated from Chambersburg Area Senior High School, Grove City College with a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science and earned her J.D. from Dickinson School of Law of Penn State University. She is a former partner with Sharpe and Sharpe LLP and former principal with Salzmans Hughes, P.C. As a practitioner, Judge Shank focused on a general civil practice and eventually concentrated in municipal law, serving as solicitor for Franklin County and assistant solicitor for various municipalities. She has served on the board of directors of numerous local charitable and community organizations.

Judge Shank is married to John McPaul, who works in community outreach with Franklin County veterans. She and John are proud parents of Katelyn, a research assistant at Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute. Katelyn is currently a doctoral student in Oceanography/Applied Ocean Science and Engineering through a joint program between WHOI and MIT.

Judge Shank enjoys spending time reading, cooking/baking, and listening to podcasts on a variety of topics. She has resumed piano lessons after a 20+ year break. Most of all she enjoys time with family.