

Judge Francine M. Bruening

Law



Francine Marolt Bruening, of Slovenian descent, graduated from Collinwood High School in 1960. While at Collinwood she was involved in the National Honor Society, Future Teachers of America, and the Junior Council on World Affairs. She was also the supervisor of the Honor Society Hall.

Francine attended Flora Stone Mather College at Western Reserve University from which she graduated in 1963 with a Bachelor of Arts Degree. Francine attended Cleveland Marshall College of Law at Cleveland State University. In 1971 Francine graduated magna cum laude with a Juris Doctor degree. At Cleveland State she was a member of the Law Review editorial board and Phi Kappa Beta social sorority.

Since 1971, Francine has been an attorney and counselor at law in Lake County. She was a part-time referee for the Court of Common Pleas Domestic Relations Division in Lake County from 1981-1990, when she was elected as a judge for the Court of Common Pleas, Domestic Relations Division. Her term of service in that office lasted from 1991-2002.

Francine is a part-time instructor of paralegal studies and family law at Lakeland Community College in Kirtland, Ohio and at Lake Erie College in Painesville.

Francine has been a member of various professional legal organizations such as the Lake County Bar Association. She was president, vice president, treasurer, and secretary for the Lake County Bar Association. Francine was nominated for Marquis Who's Who in American Law, (3rd edition) and for Marquis Who's Who in American Women, (14th edition).

She has published papers that appeared in the journals of the Ohio Women's Bar Association and the Ohio Common Pleas Judges Association.

Francine is married to Kenneth M. Cort; they are the parents of Deborah Stacey Cort.