

Hon. Marilyn A. Moores

Judge – Marion Superior Court, Juvenile Division
Indianapolis, Indiana

A graduate of Indiana University-Bloomington and the Indiana University-Indianapolis School of Law, Marilyn Moores was appointed by Governor Mitch Daniels in March, 2005 to fill the unexpired term of Marion Superior Court, Juvenile Division Judge James W. Payne.

Prior to being appointed to the bench, Judge Moores was a partner in the law firm of Cohen & Malad, LLP, a boutique litigation firm in downtown Indianapolis. She concentrated her private practice of fifteen (15) years in federal litigation, family law, governmental litigation, civil rights and commercial matters. While attending law school, Judge Moores worked full time as a law clerk in the Office of the Corporation Counsel for the City of Indianapolis, where she remained after her law school graduation, working as an Assistant Corporation Counsel, representing a variety of city and county employees and agencies in state and federal litigation. It was there that she met her husband of twenty one (21) years, George Burge, a Sergeant for the Indianapolis Police Department.

While in private practice, Mayor Stephen Goldsmith asked Judge Moores to run for an At-Large seat on the Indianapolis City-County Council. She was elected and served one (1) term from 1995-1999. During her tenure on the Council, Judge Moores introduced and saw passed measures designed to improve the Animal Care and Control shelter.

After leaving the Council, she was asked to serve by newly-elected Mayor Bart Peterson as the head of his Task Force on Animal Care and Control. She also served on the Board of Directors of the Centro Hispanoamericano, Indianapolis, Downtown, Inc., and World Police and Fire Games 2001.

In August 2002, Judge Moores was diagnosed with breast cancer. She underwent three (3) months of chemotherapy, followed by a year of surgeries. She has been given a clean bill of health and credits the wonderful doctors and nurses at the I.U. Medical Center-Cancer Center with her successful recovery. Today she serves on the Board of Directors of Y-Me, a breast cancer resource referral organization.

Judge Moores is in the 24th year of proudly serving her state and her country as a member of the Indiana Army National Guard. She holds the rank of Lieutenant Colonel and serves as Chief, Military Justice in the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate.

Judge Moores and her husband have two (2) grown children, two (2) grandchildren, six (6) horses, and four (4) dogs. They spend much of their free time riding, training, showing, and caring for their horses.