Michelle L. Paris was elected Judge of Bedford Municipal Court in November 2015. Prior to that, she served as a magistrate and chief magistrate Cleveland Municipal Court from Jan. 1988 to May 2008.

In the years that followed, she continued to serve as a visiting magistrate. Judge Paris was also an adjunct professor at Cleveland-Marshall College of Law and Case Western Reserve School of Law teaching debtor- creditor rights. Judge Paris is currently a regular presenter for the Ohio Judicial College.

Judge Paris graduated from Ohio University with a degree in education and from Cleveland-Marshall College of Law. Judge Paris is past president and honorary trustee of the Cleveland- Marshall College of Law Alumni Association. She is currently on the Board of Trustees for the Association of Municipal and County Court Judges and is vice president of the Northeast Ohio Judges Association.

Judge Paris was recently inducted into the Cleveland-Marshall College of Law Hall of Fame. She is a member of various legal organizations and civic groups: Bedford Historical Society, Solon Historical Society, Ohio State Bar Association, Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association, Ohio Association of Magistrates and Justinian Forum.