Bobette Smiley Ousley

Bobette Smiley Ousley was a native Clevelander who attended public schools. She received her B.A. degree from Howard University and her J.D. degree from Howard University School of Law.

Ousley was an assistant Cleveland Police Prosecutor from 1976 to 1984 when she began her career at municipal court as a Small Claims Magistrate. In 1987, she was named Traffic Court Magistrate.

In 1994, Ousley was appointed by Governor George



Voinovich to an unexpired term on the court. Unfortunately, she was unable to capture sufficient public support in the election to retain that position. After her term as judge came to a close, she was reinstated to her position with the court Magistrate's Department. She has since retired.

Bobette Smiley Ousley served as judge of Cleveland Municipal Court from October 22, 1994 to December 4, 1995.