

Women Justices/Judges of the Pennsylvania Appellate Courts (1961-2022)

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In celebrating Women's History Month in March, the following article provides biographical information on the women justices/judges who sat and who are sitting on the Pennsylvania Appellate Courts: Supreme Court (9), Superior Court (22), and Commonwealth Court (15). There are a total of forty women who served on the three courts. Sandra Schultz Newman served on Commonwealth and Supreme Courts; Debra Todd, Joan Melvin, Christine Donohue, and Sally Munday served on the Superior and Supreme Courts. One family relationship is the mother-daughter service of Phyllis Beck and her daughter, Alice Dubow, on the Superior Court.

Firsts:

- 1942: Anne X. Alpern, first woman Solicitor of the City of Pittsburgh
- 1959: Anne X. Alpern, first woman Pennsylvania Attorney-General
- 1961: Anne X. Alpern, first woman Justice of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court
- 1971: Genevieve Blatt, first woman judge on the Pennsylvania Commonwealth Court
Madaline Palladino, second woman judge of the Pennsylvania Commonwealth Court
- 1981: Phyllis W. Beck, first woman on the Pennsylvania Superior Court
- 1983: Madaline Palladino, first Republican woman elected to a state-wide office in Pennsylvania, judge of the Pennsylvania Commonwealth Court
- 1988: Juanita Kidd Stout, first African-American and second woman justice on the Pennsylvania Supreme Court
- 1988: Doris Smith-Ribner, first African-American woman judge elected to an appellate court in the United States and first on the Pennsylvania Commonwealth Court
- 47904:0 Sandra Schultz Newman, third woman justice, and first to be elected to a full
0:00 ten-year term, on the Pennsylvania Supreme Court
- 2006: Kate Ford Elliott, first woman President of the Pennsylvania Superior Court
- 2006: Cynthia Baldwin, second African-American and fourth woman justice on the Pennsylvania Supreme Court
- 2007: Bonnie Brigance Leadbetter, first woman President Judge of the Pennsylvania Commonwealth Court
- 2008: Cheryl Allen, first African-American woman judge on the Pennsylvania Superior Court
- 2014: Susan Peikes Gantman, second woman President Judge of the Pennsylvania Superior Court
- 2016: Mary Hannah Leavitt, second woman President Judge of the Pennsylvania Commonwealth Court

- 2016: First Mother-Daughter judgeships with Phyllis Beck and Alice Dubow on Pennsylvania Superior Court
- 2022: Renée Cohen Jubelirer, third woman President Judge of the Pennsylvania Commonwealth Court

CHRONOLOGICAL LISTING BY COURT

Pennsylvania Supreme Court

Anne X. Alpern, September 7-December 31, 1961
 Juanita Kidd Stout, March 3, 1988-March 7, 1989
 Sandra Schultz Newman, January 1, 1996-January 2, 2006
 Cynthia Baldwin, February 16, 2006-January 6, 2008
 Debra McCloskey Todd, January 7, 2008-January 3, 2028
 Joan Orié Melvin, January 4, 2010-May 1, 2013
 Jane Cutler Greenspan, July 2, 2008-January 4, 2010
 Christine L. Donohue, January 4, 2016-January 5, 2026
 Sally Updyke Mundy, July 21, 2016-January 3, 2028

Pennsylvania Superior Court

Phyllis W. Beck, June 23, 1981-2006
 Kate Ford Elliott, January 1, 1990-December 31, 2019
 Joan Orié Melvin, January 5, 1998-January 4, 2010
 Maureen Lally-Green, June 5, 1998-July 31, 2009
 Debra McCloskey Todd, January 2000-January 7, 2008
 Susan Pikes Gantman, January 4, 2004-January 1, 2024
 Cheryl Lynn Allen, January 7, 2008-September 4, 2015
 Christine L. Donohue, January 7, 2008-January 4, 2016
 Jacqueline Shogan, January 7, 2008-January 3, 2028
 Anne E. Lazarus, January 4, 2010-December 31, 2027
 Sally Updyke Mundy, January 4, 2010-July 21, 2016
 Judith Ference Olson, January 4, 2010-January 7, 2030
 Paula Francisco Ott, January 4, 2010-December 31, 2025
 Patricia H. Jenkins, December 10, 2013-January 4, 2016
 Alice B. Dubow, January 4, 2016-January 5, 2026
 Lillian Harris Ransom, June 27, 2017-January 1, 2018
 Deborah A. Kunselman, January 1, 2018-January 3, 2028
 Maria C. McLaughlin, January 1, 2018-January 3, 2028
 Mary P. Murray, January 1, 2018-January 3, 2028
 Carolyn H. Nichols, January 1, 2018-January 3, 2028
 Megan McCarthy King, January 6, 2020-January 7, 2030
 Megan Sullivan, January 3, 2022-January 5, 2032

Pennsylvania Commonwealth Court

Geneieve Blatt, January 3, 1972-June 19, 1983
 Doris Smith-Ribner, January 4, 1988-June 10, 2009
 Madaline Palladino, May 15, 1980-January 3, 1994

Rochelle S. Friedman, January 6, 1992-December 31, 2008
Sandra Schultz Newman, January 3, 1994-January 1, 1996
Bonnie Brigance Leadbetter, May 7, 1996-January 4, 2016
Renée Cohen Jubelirer, January 7, 2002-January 5, 2032
Mary Hannah Leavitt, January 7, 2002-January 3, 2022
Patricia A. McCullough, January 4, 2010-January 7, 2030
Julia K. Hearthway, June 27, 2016-August 2017
Christine Fizzano Cannon, January 1, 2018-January 3, 2028
Ellen Ceisler, January 1, 2018-January 3, 2028
Anne E. Covey, January 2, 2012-January 5, 2032
Lori A. Dumas, January 3, 2022-January 5, 2032
Stacey Wallace, January 3, 2022 to January 5, 2032

CHERYL LYNN ALLEN



Cheryl Allen was elected in November 2007 as the first African-American Judge of the Pennsylvania Superior Court, serving from January 7, 2008 to September 4, 2015 when she retired from the court.

Cheryl Lynn Allen graduated from Penn State University (B.S., 1969) and University of Pittsburgh School of Law, J.D. (1975). Among her former positions were Attorney in the Neighborhood Legal Services (1975-76); Assistant Solicitor, Allegheny County Law Department (1977-90); General Counsel, Wilkinsburg Chapter of the NAACP (1979-87); private practice (1980-90). In July 1990, Governor Robert Casey Sr. appointed Allen as the second African-American woman judge on Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas (July 20, 1990 to December 27, 2007). She has won numerous awards including Outstanding Young Women in America (1980, 1982, 1983); Alumni of the Year, University of Pittsburgh School of Law (1999); Woman of the Year, Women's Law Association, University of Pittsburgh School of Law (2002); Sojourner Truth Award, National Association of Negro Business & Professional Women (2000); CASA Volunteer Recognition Award (2004); Juvenile Court Judges Commission Award (2004); Women's History Month Award, Pennsylvania Commission for Women (2005); Women of the Year, *The Legal Intelligencer & Pennsylvania Law Weekly* (2008); Women of Excellence Award, *New Pittsburgh Courier's* (2008); Geneva College Serving Leader Award (2015).

ANNE X. ALPERN



Governor David Lawrence appointed Alpern as the first woman Associate Justice of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court on July 26, 1961, serving from September 7-December 31, 1961.

Anne X. Alpern (December 25, 1903-February 2, 1981) sat on the Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas from December 16, 1953 to January 20, 1959 when she became the first woman Attorney General of Pennsylvania before her appointment to the Supreme Court (August 22, 1961). Governor David Lawrence then appointed her to the Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas from January 29, 1962 to January 1964 upon the elevation of Henry X. O'Brien to the Pennsylvania Supreme Court. She was then elected to a full term from January 1964 to January 6, 1974. Among Alpern's three firsts were the first woman solicitor for the City of Pittsburgh (1942-54), and Governor David Lawrence appointed her the first woman Pennsylvania Attorney-General (1959) and later the first woman associate justice of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court (September 7-December 31, 1961). Following her term of office, she was a partner in the law firm of Berkman, Ruslander Lieber and Pohl. In 1994, the Pennsylvania Bar Association established the Anne X. Alpern Award, which is awarded annually to a female jurist who demonstrates excellence in the legal profession and makes a significant professional impact on women in the law. The University of Pittsburgh has a collection of her papers in Hillman Library.

CYNTHIA A. BALDWIN



Governor Edward Rendell appointed Cynthia Baldwin as the third woman and second African-American Associate Justice of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court serving from February 16, 2006 to January 6, 2008.

Cynthia A. Baldwin graduated from Penn State University, B.A. (1966) and M.A. (1974); Duquesne University School of Law (J.D., 1980); Point Park University, honorary LL.D, (1999). She was a member of the *Duquesne Law Review*. Among her former positions were Staff Attorney, Neighborhood Legal Services (1980-81); Deputy Attorney-General, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (1983-86); private practice (1987-89); and Adjunct Professor, Duquesne University School of Law (1989-2001). She was elected in November 1989 and retained in November 1999 as a judge of the Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas (January 8, 1990-February 16, 2006) before her elevation to the Pennsylvania Supreme Court. Following her stint on the Supreme Court, she became a partner in Duane Morris (2008) and then General Counsel and Vice President, Penn State University (2008-2012). Among Baldwin's other positions included a Fulbright Scholar teaching in Zimbabwe; Chair of the Board of Trustees, Penn State University (2004-07); Duquesne University Board of Directors (1996-2005); Chair, Board of Directors, Fulbright Association, (2022). Among her honors and awards were Pittsburgh Woman of the Year in Law and Government (1998); Pittsburgher of the Century, African-American, Pittsburgh Magazine (1999); Woman of Spirit, Carlow College (2004); Athena Award, Allegheny Conference on Community Development (2007); and Anne X. Alpern Award, PBA Commission on Women in the Profession Committee (2008).

PHYLLIS W. BECK



Governor Richard Thornburgh appointed Beck as a Judge of the Pennsylvania Superior Court in 1981 and then was elected in November 1983 and retained in November 1993, serving from June 23, 1981 to 2006 when she retired from the court. She was the first woman judge of the Pennsylvania Superior Court and the third woman in Pennsylvania history to be elected to state-wide office.

Phyllis W. Beck graduated from Brown University, magna cum laude (1964) and Phi Beta Kappa and Temple University School of Law, J.D. (1967) (Evening Division, 1st in class). She was in private practice (1967-74); Associate Professor, Temple University School of Law (1974-76); Vice-Dean, University of Pennsylvania School of Law (1976-81). She belonged to the American, Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, and Montgomery Bar Associations; American Law Institute; American Bar Foundation; American Judicature Society; Pennsylvania for Modern Courts. She served as general counsel, Barnes Foundation; Chair, Governor Robert Casey's Commission on Judicial Reform; Overseer, University of Pennsylvania Nursing School; Associate Trustee, University of Pennsylvania; President, Foundation for Cognitive Therapy and Research; Lindbach Lecturer, Bryn Mawr College; Phi Beta Kappa Lecturer, Brown University; Consultor, Villanova University Law School; Chair, Independence Foundation; Vice-President, Free Library of Philadelphia; member, Pennsylvania Legislative Committee on Domestic Relations Reform. Among her honors and awards are the Herbert Haley Award, American Judicature Society; Judicial Award and Anne X. Alpern Award, Pennsylvania Bar Association; Brennan Award, Philadelphia Bar Association; Florence Murray Award, National Association of Women Judges; Outstanding Alumni Award, Temple University School of Law; Pennsylvania Legal Services Excellence Award; Sandra Day O'Connor Award. She serves on the Ethics Board of the City of Philadelphia; President of the Beck Institute (her husband, Aaron T. Beck is known as the father of cognitive therapy in psychotherapy and psychiatry). Governor Tom Ridge named her a Distinguished Daughter of Pennsylvania (2000).

GENEVIEVE BLATT



Governor Milton Shapp appointed Blatt as a Judge of the Pennsylvania Commonwealth Court on January 2, 1972, and was confirmed by the Senate on January 3, 1972. She won election in November 1973 and was retained in 1983, serving from January 1972 to June 19, 1983, and then became a senior judge (1985-93).

Genevieve Blatt (June 19, 1913–July 4, 1996) was born in East Brady, Pa. She graduated from the University of Pittsburgh, B.A. (1933), M.A. (1934), and J.D. (1937). She was appointed Secretary and Chief Examiner of the Pittsburgh Civil Service Commission (1938-42); Assistant City Solicitor, Pittsburgh (1942-45); Pennsylvania Deputy State Treasurer (1945-54); first woman elected to a state-wide office as Secretary of Internal Affairs of Pennsylvania (1954-66); appointed Assistant Director of the President's Office of Economic Opportunity (1967-68); Director of Department Audits in the Department of the Auditor General (1968-69); private practice and Of Counsel to Morgan, Lewis & Bockius. She has served as a member of the President's Commission on Law Enforcement and the Administration of Justice, President's Consumer Advisory Council, and various committees established by the United States Departments of Defense, Commerce, and Health, Welfare and Education; Governor Leader's State Government Reorganization Commission, Attorney General Robert Woodside's State Constitutional Reform Commission (1959); and various state boards and commissions including the State Executive Board, State Board of Pardons, General State Authority, and Pennsylvania Industrial Authority. She was an unsuccessful candidate for Democratic Party Auditor General (1952) and United States Senator (1964). She was a delegate to Democratic National Conventions (1932-72), serving on the National Platform Committee (1968) and elected Democratic National Committee-woman from Pennsylvania (1970). She served as Executive Director, Pennsylvania Intercollegiate Conference on Government (1934-71). Among her honors was the Distinguished Daughter of Pennsylvania (1956); papal honors include the Lady Grand Cross in the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulcher of Jerusalem. She also helped in the canonization of two saints: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (1975) and St. John Newman (1977).

MARY JANE BOWES



Mary Jane Bowes was elected Judge of the Pennsylvania Superior Court in November 2001 and retained in November 2011 and November 2021, serving from January 3, 2002 to December 2029.

Mary Jane Bowes graduated from Georgetown University, B.A. (1976) and from the University of Pittsburgh School of Law, J.D. (1979). She was in private practice (1979-81); Judicial Law Clerk, Superior Court Senior Judge Henry Montgomery (1980-81); Judicial Law Clerk, Chief Justice of Pennsylvania Henry X. O'Brien (1981-82); Judicial Law Clerk, Superior Court Senior Judge John P. Hester (1982-86); private practice (1986-98); and Corporate Counsel, IT Corporation (1998-2001). She is a member of the American and Pennsylvania Bar Associations; Academy of Trial Lawyers of Allegheny; National Association of Women Judges; Co-President, Women's Bar Association of Western Pennsylvania; Vice-Chair, Council of Trustees, Bloomsburg University; member, Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency; Former Trustee, Allegheny County Medical Society Foundation; Former Board Member, Allegheny County Finance and Development Commission. Among her honors and awards are elected to Academy of Trial Lawyers of Allegheny County (1996); Pennsylvania's Best 50 Women in Business Award (1997); Marjorie Matson Woman of the Year Award, Pitt Law Women's Association/Allegheny County Bar Association (2007); Special Achievement Award, Pennsylvania Bar Association (2008).

CHRISTINE FIZZANO CANNON



Christine Fizzano Cannon was elected as a Judge of the Pennsylvania Commonwealth Court in November 2017 to serve from January 1, 2018 to January 3, 2028.

Christine Fizzano Cannon was born in Ridley Park, Pa. She graduated from the University of Arizona, B.A. (1991) and from Widener University School of Law, J.D., cum laude (1994). She served as Articles Editor of the *Widener Law Review*. She was in private practice (1994-2011); Assistant Solicitor, Delaware County (2002-07); Middleton Township Council (1999-2007) (Vice-Chairman, 2006-07); Delaware County Council (2007-11) (Vice Chairman, 2010-11); Judge of the Delaware County Court of Common Pleas (2012-17) and head of the Trial Section (2016-17). She also served as a member of the Middleton Township Zoning Hearing Board (1997-99), Board of Directors of the Delaware County Solid Waste Authority and Delaware Valley Regional Finance Authority (2010), Pennsylvania Supreme Court Disciplinary Board Hearing Committee (2004-10), and Judicial Conduct Board of Pennsylvania (2014-October 30, 2018). She is a member of the American, Pennsylvania, and Delaware County Bar Associations; Justinian Society of Delaware County. Among her honors and awards, are the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission Leader of the Year (2012); Pennsylvania Chapter of American Planning Associations, 2012 Planning Leadership-Elected Official Planning Advocate Award; Delo Hi-Q Hall of Honor;

ELLEN CEISLER



Ellen Ceisler was elected as a Judge of the Pennsylvania Commonwealth Court in November 2017 to serve from January 1, 2018 to January 3, 2028.

Ellen Ceisler graduated from Temple University, B.A. (1979) and Temple University Beasley School of Law, J.D. (1986). Ceisler served as an Administrator, University City Housing Company (1979-83); Assistant District Attorney, Philadelphia District Attorney's Office (1986-88); Investigative Producer, WCAU-News (CBS) (1988-90); Associate, Zarwin & Baum, P.C., (1990-92); Special Advisor to the Sheriff, Office of the Philadelphia Sheriff (1992-94); Deputy Director, Philadelphia Police Department Office of Integrity and Accountability (1997) and then Director (2000-05); Consultant, Philadelphia School District (2005-06); Director, Philadelphia City Controller's Special Investigations and Fraud Unit (2006). She was elected Judge of the Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas in November 2007 and served from January 7, 2008 to January 2018. She served as a board member for the Anti-Defamation League, Support Center for Child Advocates, Leadership, Inc., New Leash on Life, USA, Bicycle Coalition of Greater Philadelphia, and former co-chair, First Judicial District Committee on the Board of Revision of Taxes and Board of Viewers.

ANNE E. COVEY



Anne Covey was elected in November 2011 and retained in November 2021 as a Judge of the Pennsylvania Commonwealth Court to serve from January 2, 2012 to January 5, 2032

Anne E. Covey graduated from University of Delaware, B.A., with department honors, (1981) and from Widener University School of Law, J.D. cum laude (1984). She was Associate Editor of the *Widener Law Review* (1984). She served as Assistant Counsel, Pennsylvania Labor Relations Board 91984-85); Judicial Clerk to President Judge David W. Craig of Pennsylvania Commonwealth Court (1985-86); Attorney, Blank Rome (1987-88); Attorney, McCarter & English (1988-94); Partner, Giordano, Halleran & Ciesla (1994-96); Owner/Managing Partner, Covey & Associates, P.C. (1996-2011). She is a member of the American, Pennsylvania, and Bucks County Bar Associations; Fellow, American Bar Foundation; member, Commonwealth Court Historical Society; Barrister, Employment Law American Inns of Court; Adjunct Professor, Monmouth University; Faculty Member, American Compensation Association; National Speaker, Society for Human Resource Management; first female Board Member of the Pennsylvania Labor Relations Board. She has written on the topic of labor and employment law in law reviews and legal newspapers.

CHRISTINE L. DONOHUE



Christie Donohue was elected in November 2007, as a Judge of the Pennsylvania Superior Court to serve from January 7, 2008 to January 4, 2016. She was elected as an Associate Justice of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court in November 2015 to serve from January 4, 2016 to January 5, 2026.

Christine L. Donohue graduated from East Stroudsburg University, B.A. (1974) and from Duquesne University School of Law, J.D. (1980). She was on the *Duquesne Law Review*. She was in private practice (1980 to 2007); Associate, Sikov & Love (1980-83); Partner, Evan, Rosen Portnoy Quinn and Donohue (1983-89); Shareholder, Buchanan Ingersoll & Rooney (1989-2007); member, Pennsylvania Board of Law Examiners; Chairwomen of the Pennsylvania Judicial Conduct Board before becoming a judge of the Pennsylvania Court of Judicial Discipline. She is a member of the Pennsylvania and Allegheny County Bar Associations; Fellow, Academy of Trial Lawyers of Allegheny County and the American Board of Trial Advocates; Fellow, International Academy of Trial Lawyers; Fellow, American College of Trial Lawyers; Past President, Western Pennsylvania Trial Lawyers Association; The Pennsylvania Society; W. Edward Sell Chapter of the American Inns of Court. Among her honors and awards are listed in Best Lawyers in America (2005-08); Women of Achievement Award, Celebrate & Share (2008); Pennsylvania Law Weekly, Women Leaders in the Legal Profession (2008); Pennsylvania Federation of Democratic Women, Woman of the Year (2015).

ALICE B. DUBOW



Alice Dubow was elected a Judge of the Pennsylvania Superior Court in November 2015 to serve from January 4, 2016 to January 5, 2026. She is the daughter of Phyllis Beck, the first female judge of the Pennsylvania Superior Court, making this the first mother-daughter duo holding judicial office in the appellate courts of Pennsylvania.

Alice B. Dubow graduated from University of Pennsylvania, B.A., cum laude (1981) and from University of Pennsylvania Law School, J.D. (1984). She served as a judicial law clerk to Hon. Edward G. Biester, Jr., Bucks County Court of Common Pleas (1984); Associate, Duane, Morris & Heckscher (1985-86); Associate, Fineman Bach, P.C. (1986-92); Divisional Deputy City Solicitor, City of Philadelphia (1992-97); Of Counsel, Wolf, Block, Schorr & Solis Cohen (1997-2000); Deputy General Counsel, Drexel University (2000-06); private practice (2006-07); Judge, Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas, (2007-2016). She is a member of the Pennsylvania and Philadelphia Bar Associations; American Law Institute; member, Board of Trustees, Opera Company of Philadelphia (1998-2007); Board of Trustees, Volunteers for Indigent Persons (2008-14); Board of Trustees, Carson Valley Children's Aid (2012-17); Board of Trustees, Beck Institute for Cognitive Behavioral Therapy; Mental Health and Justice Advisory Committee to the Pennsylvania Commission on Delinquency; Juvenile Court Rules and Procedural Committee; Lecturer, PBI CLE seminars.

LORI A. DUMAS



Lori A. Dumas was elected a Judge of the Pennsylvania Commonwealth Court in November 2021, serving from January 3, 2022 to January 5, 2032.

Dumas graduated from Duke University, B.A., (1989) and North Carolina Central University School of Law, J.D. (1992). She was a member of Law Review. She also graduated from the Fels Institute of Government, University of Pennsylvania, DiverseForce Board Governance Program, and a Georgetown Fellow specializing in Systems while service Crossover Youth. She also holds an Executive Certificate in Diversity and Inclusion from Cornell University.

Following graduation, she served as a legal liaison to the General Counsel of a North Carolina Pharmaceutical Company (1992-93); had her own practice (1992-96); Clark & McGill (1996-1999); mental health professional for several agencies in Philadelphia (1994-2000); and General Counsel, Wordsworth Academy (2000-02). She served in private practice for ten years including law firms and court appointed attorney and civil arbitrator for the Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas. Governor Ed Rendell appointed her in February 2002 as a Judge of the Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas, followed by her election in 2003 and retention election in 2013 until her election to the Commonwealth Court. She was in charge of the first Juvenile Human Trafficking Court of the First Judicial District. She has taught various programs at Berean Institute, Harcum College, Bryn Mawr College, Eastern College, Temple University, and Westchester University.

She is a member of the Pennsylvania and Philadelphia Bar Associations; Board of Directors, National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges; Pennsylvania Conference of State Trial Judges; Women Against Abuse; National Coalition of 100 Black Women; NAACP; Philadelphia Triple Threat; Big Brothers, Big Sisters; Urban League Guild; Mann Center; Forum of Executive Women; Northwest Victim Services; Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority. She is a member of the Pennsylvania and Philadelphia Bar Associations, Elder Judge Task Force of the First Judicial District. Among her awards and honors, she received Philadelphia Business Journal's 40 Under 40 Award, The Tribune Top Ten People to Watch Under 40, The Philadelphia Barristers Distinguished Under 40 Award for Achievement and Service, The Philadelphia Urban League Young Leader Award; Philadelphia Barristers William J. Hall Award; Urban League Award; Coretta Scott King Memorial Award; Humanitarian of the Year.

KATE FORD ELLIOTT



Kate Ford Elliott was elected as a judge of the Pennsylvania Superior Court in November 1989 and retained in 1999 and 2009, serving from January 1, 1990 to December 31, 2019. She served as the first woman President Judge of the Superior Court (2006-11) and currently holds the title of President Judge Emeritus and serves as a Senior Judge on the court.

Kate Ford Elliott graduated from the University of Pittsburgh, B.A. (1971), Duquesne University, M.S. (1973), and Duquesne University School of Law, J.D. (1978). She was a reading specialist, Pittsburgh Board of Education (1971-78); Judicial Law Clerk, Pennsylvania Superior Court (1978-80); Administrative Assistant, President Judge William F. Cercone of the Superior Court (1980-82); Chief Staff Attorney, Pennsylvania Superior Court (1982-88); Lawyer, Kirkpatrick & Lockhart (1988); elected a judge of the Pennsylvania Superior Court in 1989. She is a member of the American, Pennsylvania, and Allegheny County Bar Associations; National Association of Women Judges; American Judicature Society; Fellow Allegheny County Bar Associations; Commission on Judicial Initiatives, Pennsylvania Bar Association; President, Council of Chief Judges the State Courts of Appeal; Vice Chair, Pennsylvania Futures Commission on Justice in the 21st Century; member, ABA Judicial Administration Division; Past Chairperson, Allegheny County Appellate Practice Committee. She has received the Carlow College Woman of Spirit Award; Allegheny County St. Thomas More Society Award; Duquesne University, Distinguished Alumni Award; PBA Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee, Special Recognition Award (2010).

ROCHELLE S. FRIEDMAN



Rochelle Friedman was elected to the Commonwealth Court in November 1991, retained in 2001, and served from January 6, 1992 to December 31, 2008; she served as a senior judge from 2009 to 2013.

Rochelle S. Friedman graduated from the University of Pittsburgh, B.A. (1959) and University of Pittsburgh School of Law, J.D. (1972); Certificate on Civil Mediation, National Judicial College (2008). She was in private practice (1972-91); Solicitor, Allegheny County Clerk of Courts (1972-76); Judicial Law Clerk, Court of Common Pleas of Allegheny County (1976-89); faculty member, University of Pittsburgh Graduate School of Public Health (1976-77); Director and Consultant, Governor's Justice Commission grant programs (1973-75); taught an Introduction to Public Health Law and Science, Seminar for Judges, State College, Pa. (2009). She is a member of American, Pennsylvania, Bucks County, and Philadelphia Bar Associations; Temple Inn of Court; National Association of Women Judges; board member, Jewish Prisoner Services International and The Auerbach Central Agency for Jewish Education.

SUSAN PEIKES GANTMAN



Susan Peikes Gantman was elected in November 2003 and retained in November 2013 as a judge of the Pennsylvania Superior Court, serving from January 5, 2004 to January 1, 2024. She served as the second woman President Judge from 2014 to 2019. She holds the title now of President Judge Emeritus.

Susan Peikes Gantman graduated from the University of Pennsylvania, B.A., *cum laude*, M.A. (1974) and from Villanova University School of Law, J.D. (1977). She was a judicial law clerk, Montgomery County Court of Common Pleas (1977-78); Solicitor, Montgomery County Office of Children and Youth (1978-2002); Solicitor, Montgomery County Housing and Community Development; Assistant District Attorney, Montgomery County (1978-81); private law practice (1981-91); Partner, Sherr, Joffe & Zuckerman (1991-98); Senior member and Co-Chair, Family Law Section, Cozen & O'Connor (1998-2003). She is a member of the American, Pennsylvania, and Montgomery County Bar Associations; PBA Commission on Women in the Profession; National Association of Women Judges; PBA Fellow, Montgomery County Bar Foundations, Taxis Circle; Master, Inns of Court, Villanova University School of Law. Among her honors and awards are Harnell Award, University of Pennsylvania (1974); Honoree, Villanova Law School Alumni Association (2006); Margaret Richardson Award, Montgomery County Bar Association (2008); Anne X. Alpern Award, Pennsylvania Bar Association (2011); Women of the Year, The Legal Intelligencer (2014); Outstanding Service Award, Montgomery County Office of Children and Youth; Bond of Faith, Temple Beth Hillel Beth El; Juvenile Advisory Association Award; Lawyers Club of Philadelphia.

JANE CUTLER GREENSPAN



Governor Ed Rendell appointed Greenspan as a justice of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court on June 20, 2008 and confirmed by the Senate on June 30, 2008, serving from July 2, 2008 to January 4, 2010.

Jane Cutler Greenspan graduated from Smith College, A.B. (1970) and Rutgers University Law School-Camden, J.D., magna cum laude (1973). She was Notes/Comments Editor of *Rutgers Law Journal*. She served as a law clerk to the Pennsylvania Supreme Court; assistant district attorney, Philadelphia County; elected judge, Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas in November 1989 and retained in 1999, serving from January 1, 1990 to June 1988; Adjunct Professor of Law, University of Pennsylvania School of Law (1989-94); Advisor, ALI Project on Sexual and Gender-Based Misconduct on Campus. She was a member of the American, Pennsylvania, and Philadelphia Bar Associations; American Law Institute; American College of Business Court Judges; National Committee Member, Anti-Defamation League; Past Chair, Inns of Court, University of Pennsylvania Law School; member, Supreme Court of Pennsylvania Criminal, Orphans (chair), Appellate Rules Committee (chair); member, Mayor's Commission for Women Domestic Violence Task Force; member, Supreme Court Special Committee Representing Capital Defendants; Leadership Council, Support Center for Child Advocates; Director, American College of Business Court Judges, (Emeritus). Among her honors and awards are Award for Service to the Bench, Bar, and Citizenry, Lawyers' Club of Philadelphia (2008); "Woman of Valor" award, Anti-Defamation League of Philadelphia (June 2010); Raymond J. Harley Award, Philadelphia District Attorneys Alumni Association (2011); Attorney General of Pennsylvania, Commendation Family Violence Task Force; Philadelphia Bar Association Criminal Justice Section Chair, Jewish Law Day Honoree.

JULIA K. HEARTHWAY



Governor Tom Wolf appointed Hearthway as a judge of the Pennsylvania Commonwealth Court on June 13, 2016 and confirmed by the Senate on June 27, 2016, serving from June 27, 2016 to August 2017.

Julia K. Hearthway graduated from Stephens College, B.A. and from Rutgers University School of Law, J.D. She served in private practice; Law Clerk, Judge Paul W. Tressler (1985-86); Assistant District Attorney, Montgomery County, Pa. (1986-90); Assistant Attorney General, Office of PA Attorney-General (1993-2001); Chief Deputy Attorney General, Insurance Fraud Section; Pa. Office of Attorney General (February 2001-April 2011); 33rd Secretary of the Department of Pennsylvania Labor & Industry (June 22, 2011-15); President and CEO, The Hearthway Group, LLC (May 2015-June 2016); and currently as Director of Office of Workers' Compensation Programs, U.S. Department of Labor (August 20, 2017-present).

PATRICIA H. JENKINS



Governor Tom Corbett appointed Jenkins as a Judge of the Pennsylvania Superior Court in November 2013, confirmed by the Senate on December 10, 2013, serving from December 2013 to January 4, 2016 when she became a senior judge.

Patricia H. Jenkins graduated from Albright College, A.B. (1973), Dickinson School of Law, J.D. (1976), and Villanova University School of Law, LL.M. in Taxation (1984). She served as Solicitor, Department of Human Services, Delaware County and was a partner in the law firm of Kassab, Archbold, Jackson, and O'Brien. Governor Robert P. Casey appointed Jenkins as a Judge of the Delaware Court of Common Pleas in 1993 and then was elected to a full term in November 1993 and retained in November 2003 and November 2013, sitting from January 3, 1994 to December 10, 2013; taught paralegal courses at Widener University and Villanova University Paralegal Programs. She is a member of the American, Pennsylvania, and Delaware County Bar Associations; Pennsylvania Conference of State Trial Judges; member, advisory board of the Villanova University's Matthew J. Ryan Center for the Study of Free Institutions and the Public Good; Board of Overseers, University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine.

RENÉE COHEN JUBELIRER



Renée Jubelirer was elected as a Judge of the Commonwealth Court in November 2001, retained in November 2011 and November 2021, serving from January 7, 2002 to January 5, 2032. She is currently the newly-elected President Judge of the Commonwealth Court (2022-2027).

Renée Cohen Jubelirer graduated from Pennsylvania State University, B.A. (1978) and from Northwestern University School of Law, J.D., cum laude (1983). She served as editor of the *Northwestern University Law Review* in 1983. She first served as a Teaching Fellow at Stanford University (1983-84); Assistant Professor, DePaul College of Law (1985-87); in private practice (1984-96); Deputy Solicitor, Lehigh County (1996-97); an Assistant Solicitor, Lehigh County (1997-99); Counsel, ATX Telecommunications Services (1997-2001); Commissioner, South Whitehall Township (2000-01). She is a member of the American, Pennsylvania, Lehigh, and Centre Bar Associations; Pennsylvania Conference of State Trial Judges; Master, James S. Bowman American Inns of Court; Master, Wilkinson-Campbell American Inns of Court; Women in the Profession Committee of the Pennsylvania Bar Association; Chair, Appellate Procedural Rules Committee of the Supreme Court; Co-Chair, Public Access Working Group of the Supreme Court; Workers' Compensation Liaison Committee, Workers' Compensation Section of the Pennsylvania Bar Association; Judicial Advisory Board, George Mason University School of Law, Law & Economics Center; Lecturer, Pennsylvania Bar Institute.

MEGAN MCCARTHY KING



King was elected in November 2019 as a Judge of the Pennsylvania Superior Court to serve from January 6, 2020 to January 7, 2030.

Megan McCarthy King graduated from Vanderbilt University, B.A., cum laude (1992) and from the University of Pittsburgh School of Law, J.D. (1995). She served on the Research Committee of the Republican Caucus, Pennsylvania House of Representatives (1995); as an Assistant District Attorney, Lancaster County (1996-99); law clerk to Justice Thomas G. Saylor (1999-2001); and Assistant District Attorney (2012-15) and Deputy District Attorney (2015-19) of Chester County. She has also taught as an Adjunct Professor, Cabrini College (2008-12). King belongs to the American, Pennsylvania, and Chester County Bar Associations, and National Association of Women Judges. She has served as Board President, Child Advocacy Center, West Chester, Pa. (2017-2019) and has received the Pennsylvania Blue Ribbon Champion for Children (2018).

DEBORAH A. KUNSELMAN



Deborah Kunselman was elected Judge of the Pennsylvania Superior Court in November 2017 to serve from January 1, 2018 to January 3, 2028.

Deborah A. Kunselman graduated from Penn State University, B.A., with honors and high distinction, cum laude (1989) and University of Notre Dame School of Law, J.D., cum laude (1992). She was an attorney in Babst Calland (1992-94); attorney, Marcus and Shapira (1994-95); Solicitor, Beaver County (1998-2005); attorney, McMillan Urick Tocci Fouse & Jones (1996-2005); judge, Beaver County Court of Common Pleas (2006-2017). She is a member of the American, Pennsylvania, and Beaver County Bar Associations and a member of the Pennsylvania Conference of State Trial Judges, Education Committee (2011-17). She has been inducted into the Brentwood High School Hall of Fame.

MAUREEN LALLY-GREEN



Governor Tom Ridge nominated Lally-Green as a Judge of the Pennsylvania Superior Court on May 8, 1998 and was confirmed by the Senate on June 3, 1998 and was retained in November 1999, serving from June 5, 1998 to July 31, 2009 when she retired.

Maureen Lally-Green graduated from Duquesne University, B.S. (1971) and Duquesne University School of Law, J.D. (1974). She was a member of the *Duquesne Law Review*. She was in private practice following graduation; Counsel, Commodity Futures Trading Commission (1975-78); Counsel, Westinghouse Electric Corp. (1978-83); Professor of Law, Duquesne University School of Law (1983-98); consultant to justices of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court (1985-87; 1988-98). Following her term on the bench, she served as associate general secretary and/or director of the Office of Church Relations (August 1, 2009-15); Acting Dean, Duquesne University School of Law (July 2016-June, 2017); Dean, Duquesne University School of Law (July 2017-July 2019). She is the first woman dean of the Law School.

Among her other professional activities she was Chair, Supreme Court's Gender Fairness Implementation Committee (2002); Secretary and member of the Pennsylvania Intergovernmental Commission on Race, Gender and Ethnic Fairness (appointed by the Supreme Court) (2004-2007); during her tenure, she chaired the committee that developed and proposed to the Supreme Court a non-discrimination policy and procedures for the judicial branch of government, which proposal was adopted and made effective January 2008. Co-chair of the subcommittee that recommended recent substantial changes to the appellate rules involving children/family matters (Children's Fast Track) (2008-09); Member, vice-chair, chair, Pennsylvania Supreme Court's Appellate Court Procedural Rules Committee (2005-2011); Member, Court of Judicial Discipline in its Diversion Program (2015-2016). Lally-Green serves as Chair and member of the board of directors, UPMC Mercy Hospital; Chair and a member of the board of directors, Cardinal Wuerl North Catholic High School; Vice chair and member of the board of directors, Our Campaign for the Church Alive!, Inc.; Member, board of directors of Saint Vincent College and the board of regents of Saint Vincent Seminary. Among her awards and honors, she has received Duquesne University Law School Distinguished Alumna Award (2001); St. Thomas More Award, St. Thomas More Society (2002); Pennsylvania Bar Association, Anne X. Alpern Award (2006); Presidents' Award from Saint Francis University and Duquesne University (2009); membership in Century Club, Duquesne University (2010); and the Helping Hands Judge Mansmann Award (2011).

ANNE E. LAZARUS



Anne Lazarus was elected as a Judge to the Pennsylvania Superior Court in November 2009, retained in 2019, to serve from January 6, 2020 to December 31, 2027.

Anne E. Lazarus graduated from State University of New York at Stony Brook, B.A. (1972), Temple University School of Law, J.D. (1976), and Temple University School of Law, LL.M. in Taxation (1986). She was Judicial Law Clerk, Judge George Ivins (1976-80); Judicial Law Clerk, Judge Edmund S. Pawelec (1980-90); Legal Counsel, Orphans' Court Division, Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas (1980-91); Attorney, Ballard Spahr Andrews & Ingersoll (1991). She served as an Adjunct Professor, Temple University School of Law, Widener University School of Law, National Institute of Trial Advocacy, and the National Judicial College; and Lecturer, Pennsylvania Bar Institute. Lazarus was elected as a judge to the Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas in November 1991; but was first appointed by Governor Bob Casey, Sr. in December 1991. She was later retained in 2001, sitting until January 2010. She served as Member of the Pennsylvania Judicial Conduct Board (2010-2012), Vice-Chair (2012-13), and Chair (2013-18). She also served as Chair, Pennsylvania Supreme Court Ad Hoc Committee, Judicial Canon of Ethics (2010-12).

She is a member of the American, Pennsylvania, Allegheny, and Philadelphia Bar Associations; Member, Temple American Inn of Court; Member and Past-President, Louis D. Brandeis Law Society; Past-President, Brandeis Law Society Foundation; Board of directors, Philadelphia Volunteers for the Indigent Program. Among her awards are the Sandra Day O'Connor Award, Philadelphia Bar Association; Legal Service for the Public Committee Judge's Award, Pennsylvania Bar Association; Benjamin F. Levy Community Service Award, Brandeis Law Society; and Bernard White Community Service Award, PLAN of PA.

BONNIE BRIGANCE LEADBETTER



Governor Tom Ridge appointed Leadbetter as a Judge of the Commonwealth Court on May 6, 1996 and confirmed by the Senate on May 7, 1996; elected to the Court in November 1997, and retained in November 2007 and November 2017, serving from May 10, 1996 to January 4, 2016 when she took senior status in February 2016. She served as the first woman and 7th President Judge (January 7, 2007-January 2, 2012). She also served on the Pennsylvania Court of Judicial Discipline (1999-2003).

Bonnie Brigance Leadbetter graduated from Rice University, B.A. (1968) and from the University of Pittsburgh School of Law, J.D. (1971). She was managing editor of the *University of Pittsburgh Law Review*. Leadbetter served as an Assistant District Attorney for Philadelphia County (1971-76); Assistant United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania (1976-81); Partner, Leadbetter & Becker (1981-1989); Counsel, Mutual Fire Marine & Inland Insurance Company (1989-90); shareholder in the law firm of Fineman & Bach, P.C. (1990-96), and Judge Pro Tempore of the Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas (1991-96); judge, Pennsylvania Court of Judicial Discipline (1999-2002); taught trial and appellate advocacy in Temple Law School's LL.M. Program in Trial Advocacy and various CLE courses for the ABA, PBI, Philadelphia Bar Association, and Academy of Trial Advocacy. Leadbetter is a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers; member, Widener Law and Government Institute Board of Visitors; Master, J. Willard O'Brien American Inn of Court; member, Board of Directors of the Pennsylvania Bar Institute. Leadbetter served on the Third Circuit Lawyers' Advisory Committee (1988-91, chair 1991); the Federal Courts Committee of the Philadelphia Bar Association (1990); director, Historical Society of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania (1990s); member, that Court's Local Rules Advisory Committee.

MARY HANNAH LEAVITT



Mary Leavitt was elected as a Judge of the Commonwealth Court in November 2001, retained in November 2011, serving from January 7, 2002 to January 3, 2022. She is the second woman and 8th President Judge of the Court (2014-18).

Mary Hannah Leavitt graduated from Connecticut College, B.A. (1969), University of Pennsylvania, M.A. (1972), and Dickinson Law School, J.D. (1978). She was Editor of the *Dickinson Law Review*. She served as an Assistant Counsel, Chief of Litigation, and Chief Counsel in the Pennsylvania Department of Insurance (1978-87); worked in private practice including a Shareholder in Buchanan Ingersoll (1991-2001); and an Adjunct Professor, Penn State University (1996-98). She is also Distinguished Jurist in Residence, Widener University School of Law (2014-). She is a member of the American, Pennsylvania, and Dauphin County Bar Associations and James S. Bowman American Inn of Court.

PATRICIA A. MCCULLOUGH



Patricia McCullough was elected as a Judge of the Pennsylvania Commonwealth Court in November 2009, retained in November 2019, serving from January 4, 2010 to January 7, 2030.

Patricia A. McCullough graduated from the University of Pittsburgh, B.A., magna cum laude (1978) and the University of Pittsburgh School of Law (J.D., 1981). She was Law Clerk, Judge Samuel Rodgers, Washington County Court of Common Pleas (1981-83); Assistant General Counsel, University of Pittsburgh (1983-91); Adjunct Faculty, University of Pittsburgh Graduate School of Public Affairs (1989-90); private practice (1991-2004); Vice-Chair/ Chair of the Allegheny County Board of Property Appeals (2000-05). Governor Ed Rendell appointed McCullough as a judge of the Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas in February 2005, serving from March 24, 2005 to January 2, 2006. Following her term of office, she was executive director of Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Pittsburgh (2006-07); private practice (2007-09); She is a member of the American, Pennsylvania and Allegheny County Bar Associations; Board Member, Pittsburgh Leadership Foundation and member of Governance Committee (2007-); National Association of College and University Attorneys; Upper St. Clair Township Republican Committeewoman; Member, Pennsylvania Catholic Committee on Social Concerns (2006-07); Member, Immigration and Domestic Violence Task Force (2005-07); Board Member, Pittsburgh Leadership Foundation; Volunteer Co-Leader, Women's "HOPE" program, Allegheny County Jail; ; St Lucy's Auxiliary for the Blind; St. Louise de Marillac School Board.

MARIA C. MCLAUGHLIN



Maria McLaughlin was elected as a Judge of the Pennsylvania Superior Court in November 2017 to serve from January 1, 2018 to January 3, 2028.

Maria C. McLaughlin graduated from Pennsylvania State University, B.S.S. (1988) and from Delaware Law School of Widener University, J.D. (1992). She served on the Research/Legal Staff of the Pennsylvania Senate (1988-89); Judicial Law Clerk, Judge Vincent A. Cirillo, Pennsylvania Superior Court (1991); Assistant District Attorney, Philadelphia District Attorney's Office (1992-2001); Chief District Attorney in the Philadelphia District Attorney's Office (2002-11); Director of the Family Justice Center Initiative (2010); elected a judge of the Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas in November 2011 and served from January 2, 2012 to January 2018. She is a member of the Pennsylvania and Philadelphia Bar Associations; National Association of Women Judges; Justinian Law Society; Brehon Law Society; Sons and Daughters of Italy, Roxborough; Member, Alumni Board of Directors, Delaware Law School of Widener University. Among her honors and awards are Outstanding Service Award, Delaware Law School of Widener University (2008); Alumnus of the Year, Delaware Law School of Widener University (2013); 42nd Annual Person of the Year Award, Order of the Sons and Daughters of Italy, Greater Roxborough Lodge #2217 (2014); Citation for Recognition of Service, Pennsylvania House of Representatives (2014).

JOAN ORIE MELVIN



Joan Orie Melvin was elected as a Judge of the Pennsylvania Superior Court in November 1997, serving from January 5, 1998 to January 4, 2010. She was elected in November 2009 as an Associate Justice of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court from January 4, 2010 until her resignation on May 1, 2013 following her criminal conviction relating to the use of legislative and judicial staff for campaign reelections.

Joan Orie Melvin graduated from University of Notre Dame (B.A., 1978) and Duquesne University School of Law (J.D. 1981). She was in private practice (1981-85), Magistrate, City of Pittsburgh Magistrate Courts (1985-87) and then Chief Magistrate (1987-90). Governor Robert Casey appointed her as a judge of the Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas in July 1990 and then was elected to a full term in November 1991, sitting from July 18, 1990 to January 1998.

Melvin was a member of the American Judicature Society, Federal Circuit Bar Association; Past President, Allegheny County Prison Board; Member, Soldiers & Sailors Military Museum and Memorial Board; Member, UPMC Passavant Board; Member, Vincentian Home Board; Member Allegheny County Mental Health/Mental Retardation Advisory Board; Member, Stop Violence Task Force, Troubled Youth Committee, United Way Community Problem Solving Board. Among her honors were the Woman of the Spirit Award, Carlow College; Woman of the Year, Women's Law Association, Duquesne University School of Law; Anne B. Anstine Excellence in Public Service Award (2004); Liberty Bell Award, Berks County Bar Association (2005); Women in Government Award, Pennsylvania Business & Professional Women (2005).

SALLIE UPDYKE MUNDY



Governor Tom Wolf appointed Mundy as an Associate Justice of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court, confirmed by the Senate on June 27, 2016, oath of office on July 21, 2016 and then was elected to a full term in November 2017, serving from January 1, 2018 to January 3, 2028.

Sally Updyke Mundy graduated from Washington and Jefferson College, B.A. (1984) and from the University of Pittsburgh School of Law, J.D. (1987). She served as a judicial law clerk to President Judge Robert M. Kemp, Tioga County (1987-88); Lawyer, McQuaide, Blasko, (1988-95); Lawyer, Law Office of Stephen Ryan (1995-96); Lawyer, Swartz Campbell & Detweiler (1996-98); Lawyer, McEldrew & Fullam (1998-2009); Member, Pennsylvania Interest on Lawyer Trust Accounts (IOLTA) Board (1997-2003); Volunteer Public Defender, Tioga County (2008-09); Judge, Superior Court (2010-July 21, 2016). She is the member of the Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, and Tioga County Bar Associations; Pennsylvania Bar Young Lawyers Division Zone 11, Chair (1993-95) at-large chair (1995-96); PBA House of Delegates (1996-2008); Trustee, PBA Insurance Trust (1997-2008); PBA Commission on Women in the Profession; Pennsylvania Bar Foundation Commonwealth Club; National Association of Women Judges... She received the Legal Intelligencer, Top Women in Law Award (2016) and Washington and Jefferson College, W. Edward Sell '45 Legal Achievement Award (2016).

MARY P. MURRAY



Mary P. Murray was elected in November 2017 to serve as a Judge of the Pennsylvania Superior Court from January 1, 2018 to January 3, 2028.

Mary Paulette Murray graduated from Duquesne University, B.S./B.A. (1992), M.B.A. (1995), and J.D. (1996). She was a law clerk, Judge Joseph Walko in Beaver County; an attorney at Dodaro, Kennedy & Cambest and Gobel & Beisler (1996-1998); Mannix and Rowley (1998-2001), Witherel & Kovacik (2001-2004), private practice (2004-2017); Magisterial District Judge, Allegheny County (2004-2017). Among her memberships are admitted to Pennsylvania, Florida, Allegheny, and Beaver Bar Associations; Amen Corner, Board of Governors; Special Courts Judges Association; B.P.O.E. #1090 Presiding Justice.

SANDRA SCHULTZ NEWMAN



Sandra Schultz Newman was the first elected woman Justice of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court in November 1995 and served a full term from January 1, 1996-January 2, 2006.

Sandra Schultz Newman graduated from Drexel University, B.A. (1959), Temple University, M.A. (1969), and Villanova University School of Law, J.D. (1972). She received honorary doctorate degrees (LL.D.) from Gannon University and Widener University School of Law (1996), Honorary Doctor of Public Service, Clarion University (2000), Honorary LL.D., Widener University (2001). She served as an Assistant District Attorney, Montgomery County, Pa. (1972-74); private practice (1974-93); elected as a judge of the Commonwealth Court in November 1993, serving from January 3, 1994 to January 1, 1996. Among her memberships were American, Pennsylvania, and Montgomery Bar Associations; American Law Institute; American and Pennsylvania Bar Foundations; National Association of Women Judges; J. Willard O'Brien Inn of Court; Board of Directors, Royal Bank of Pennsylvania (1982-84); adjunct professor of law, Delaware Law School of Widener University (1984-85); adjunct faculty member, Villanova University School of Law (1986-93); Board of Managers, of Council of PBA Family Law Section (1987-91); fellow, International Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers (1988-94) including President of PA Chapter (1990-91); Advisory Board of Drexel University College of Business and Administration (1992-2006); Board of the Consultors of Villanova University Law School (1984-2006). Among her honors were Women's Bar Association of Western Pennsylvania, Susan B. Anthony Award (1996); Distinguished Daughter of Pennsylvania (1996); Chapel of the Four Chaplains, 1997 Legion of Honor Gold Medallion (1997); Shomrim of Philadelphia, Person of the Year Award (1998); Poor Richard Club, Gold Metal Award (1999).

CAROLYN H. NICHOLS



Carolyn Nichols was elected as a Judge of the Pennsylvania Superior Court in November 2017 to serve from January 1, 2018 to January 3, 2028.

Carolyn H. Nichols graduated from Temple University, BFA (1978), Temple University School of Law, J.D. (1985); Temple University School of Law, LL.M. in Trial Advocacy (1994); and Eastern University, M.B.A. (2002). She served as Professional Manager, Avatar Records, Inc., (1985-89); Assistant City Solicitor, City of Philadelphia Law Department (1990-94); Legislative Assistant, City Councilwoman Augusta Clark (1994-95); Assistant Legal Counsel, Philadelphia Housing Development Corp. (1995-96); Law Clerk to Judge Doris Pechkurow, Philadelphia County Court of Common Pleas (1997); private practice (1996-99; 2008-11); Marketing agent, Karr Barth Associates, AXA Advisors LLC (1998); General Counsel, Philadelphia Parking Authority (1999-2005); Deputy Secretary of External Affairs, Philadelphia Mayor's Office (2005); Deputy Finance Director and Director of Minority Business Enterprise Council (MBEC) (2006-08); judge of the Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas (2008-18). She is a member of the Pennsylvania Conference of State Trial Judges; Philadelphia Bar Association; International Association of Women Judges; Member, Criminal Inns of Court; Member, Judicial Council-NBA, Clifford Scott Green Chapter; Member, Philadelphia Education Fund, First Education Compact; Member, New Core; Member, Citizens Diplomacy International of Philadelphia; Member, UN Association, Philadelphia Chapter; Member, Board of Governors, Recording Academy, Philadelphia Chapter. Among her honors and awards are Most Influential African-American, Philadelphia Tribune Leadership Award (2007, 2008); Overbrook High School Hall of Fame (2012); Outstanding Woman Award, Redeemer Tabernacle (2014); Guardian of Economic Inclusion Award, City of Philadelphia's Office of Economic Opportunity (2014); Woman of Distinction in the Law, Masjidullah (2017); Inaugural recipient of the Judge Carolyn H. Nichols Drum Major for Justice Award, instituted by State Representative Margo Davidson, 2018.

JUDITH FERENCE OLSON



Judith Olson was elected as a Judge of the Pennsylvania Superior Court in November 2009 and retained in November 2019, serving from January 4, 2010 to January 7, 2030.

Judith Ference Olson graduated from St. Francis University, B.A., magna cum laude (1979) and from Duquesne University School of Law, J.D., *cum laude* (1982). She was a member of the *Duquesne Law Review*. She served as a law clerk to Judge Maurice B. Cohill, Jr. of the United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania (1982-1984); partner, Dickie McCamey and Chilcote PC (1984-98); Attorney/founder, Sweeney, Metz Fox McGrann & Schermer LLC (1998-2000); Partner, Schander Harrison Segal & Lewis LLP (2000-08); Governor Edward Rendell appointed Olson as a judge of the Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas from November 2008 to December 31, 2009. She is a member of the Pennsylvania and Allegheny County Bar Associations; member, Board of Trustees, St. Francis University; American Heart Association; Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh; Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh; past member of board of advisors, Operation Good Neighbor Foundation; Career Literacy for African American Youth (CLAAY). Among her honors and awards are Community Champion Award (1999); Volunteer of the Year Award, American Heart Association (1999); Graduate, Leadership Pittsburgh—Class XX (2004); one of Top 50 Female Lawyers in Pennsylvania, Law & Politics Magazine (2004); Fellow, Academy of Trial Lawyers of Allegheny County (2004); Fellow, Allegheny County Bar Foundation (2005); Earl G. Harrison Community Service Award (2008); Distinguished Alumni Award, North Hills School District (2011).

PAULA FRANCISCO OTT



Paula Ott was elected as a Judge of the Pennsylvania Superior Court in November 2009 and retained in November 2019, serving from January 4, 2010 to December 31, 2025.

Paula Francisco Ott graduated from the University of Delaware, B.A. (1972) and from the Temple University School of Law, J.D. (1975) and a LL.M. in Taxation (1981). She served as an Assistant District Attorney, Chester County (1975-78); Assistant County Solicitor, Chester County (1978-81); Partner, Gawthrop, Greenwood & Halsted (1981-91); elected November 1991 as a judge, Chester County Court of Common Pleas (January 1992-January 2009); served as President Judge, Chester County Court of Common Pleas (2005-09). She was the first elected woman judge and first president judge of the Chester County Court of Common Pleas. She is a member of Pennsylvania and Chester County Bar Associations; National Association of Women Judges; Pennsylvania Conference of State Trial Judges (past president); Member, Joint State Government Commission, Advisory Committee on Decedents' Estates Law (2001); Member, Pennsylvania Supreme Court, Orphans' Court Procedural Rules Committee; Member, Inter-branch Commission for Gender, Racial and Ethnic Fairness; Member, Task Force for the National Center for Juvenile Justice. Among her honors and awards are Woman of Achievement, March of Dimes; Honor Roll of Women, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Commission for Women.

MADALINE PALLADINO



Governor Richard Thornburgh appointed Palladino as a Judge of the Pennsylvania Commonwealth Court (May 15, 1980-January 4, 1982) and was elected to a full-term in November 1983, serving from January 2, 1984-January 3, 1994.

Madaline Palladino (May 5, 1924-November 9, 2015) was born in Allentown, Pa. Palladino graduated from the University of Pennsylvania, B.A. (1944) and from Columbia University School of Law, J.D. (1947). She was Assistant Solicitor, City of Allentown (1959-60); Assistant District Attorney, Lehigh County (1960-64); Solicitor, Register of Wills, Lehigh County (1952-56, 1965-79); Solicitor, Law Department, Lehigh County (1995-). She was the first woman lawyer in Lehigh County, the first woman Assistant Solicitor in City of Allentown; first woman Assistant District Attorney of Lehigh County; and first woman Solicitor, Lehigh County. She was a member of the American, Pennsylvania, and Lehigh County Bar Associations; American Bar Foundation; American Arbitration Association; president of the Allentown Branch of the American Association of University Women; Quota Club; Lehigh Valley Red Cross; Lehigh Valley Torch Club; Allentown Business and Professional Women's Club; and the Advisory Board of the Penn State University at Allentown Campus; member, Board of the Blue Cross of the Lehigh Valley; Board of Trustees of Cedar Crest College, Muhlenberg College Board of Associates; the President's Council for DeSales University; the Advisory Board of the League of Women Voters; and Sacred Heart Hospital. Past president of PBA Conference of County-Legal Journal Officers; Chairman, PBA Public Relations Committee.

LILLIAN HARRIS RANSOM



Governor Tom Wolf appointed Ransom as a Judge of the Pennsylvania Superior Court on June 13, 2016 and was confirmed by the Senate on June 27, 2016, serving from June 27, 2016 to January 1, 2018. She began to serve as a senior judge from January to the summer of 2018. She returned as a Senior Judge for the First District of Philadelphia serving as presiding judge of the Common Pleas Mental Health Court.

Lillian Harris Ransom graduated from Hampton University, B.S., Temple University, M.Ed.; St. Louis University School of Law, J.D. (1981). She was in private practice (1982-95); Judge of the Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas (1995-2016); Adjunct Professor, University of Missouri, St. Louis; Norfolk State University; Harris Stowe State College. She is a member of the Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, and National Bar Associations; International and National Associations of Women Judges; Clifford Scott Green Chapter—Judicial Council; Pennsylvania Conference of State Trial Judges. Among her honors and awards are Judge Doris May Harris Image Award, National Bar Association, Women Lawyers Division, Philadelphia Chapter; A Leon Higginbotham Award, Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights Under Law; Presidential Award, Barristers' Association of Philadelphia; Madame C. J. Walker Award, National Association of Black Women, Philadelphia Chapter; Mary Philbrook Public Interest Award, Rutgers University School of Law-Camden (2000); National Judicial Council Presidential Award; Distinguished Leaders Award, The Legal Intelligencer (2017). She served as the President, Our Garden Club of Philadelphia and Vicinity.

JACQUELINE O. SHOGAN



Jacqueline Shogan was elected as a Judge of the Pennsylvania Superior Court in November 2007 and retained in November 2017, serving from January 7, 2008 to January 3, 2028.

Jacqueline O. Shogan graduated from Temple University, B.S.N, Nursing, cumma sum laude (1975); University of Virginia, M.S.N. (1981); and Duke University School of Law, J.D., with high honors (1990); Certificate in Mediation Training, Pepperdine University School of Law (2004); Certificate in Judicial Writing, National Judicial College (2008). She is a member of the Order of the Coif (1990). She was a staff nurse, clinical nurse specialist, and clinical nursing instructor (1975-87); private practice (1990-97); Judicial Law Clerk, Judge Maurice Cohill, U.S. District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania (1997-2001); Attorney, Thorp, Reed & Armstrong, LLP (2002-07). She is a member of the American, Pennsylvania, Allegheny County and Westmoreland County Bar Associations; American, Pennsylvania and Allegheny County Bar Foundations; National Association of Women Judges; Pennsylvania Bar Association's Commission on Women in the Profession; Women's Bar Association of Western Pennsylvania; Business and Professional Women USA/PA. Among her honors are the Woman of the Year, Legal Intelligencer/Pennsylvania Law Weekly (2007-08); Women of Achievement Award, Celebrate & Share (2009).

DORIS A. SMITH-RIBNER



Doris Smith-Ribner was elected as the first African-American woman Judge to the Pennsylvania Commonwealth Court in November 1987, serving from January 4, 1988 to June 10, 2009. She was the first African-American female to win statewide office.

Doris A. Smith-Ribner graduated from the University of Pittsburgh, B.S. (1969) and University of Pittsburgh School of Law, J.D. (1972). She received an honorary LL.D. from Widener University (2003). She was in private practice (1972-86); Commissioner, Pennsylvania State Human Commission (1974-80); member, Pennsylvania Supreme Court Disciplinary Board (1981-84); and Solicitor, County Controller of Allegheny County (1980-84). Governor Richard Thornburgh appointed Smith-Ribner as a judge of the Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas on April 2, 1984 and confirmed by the Senate on November 28, 1984. She was sworn in on December 20, 1984 and served until December 31, 1985.

Among her memberships were a member of the American, National, and Pennsylvania Bar Associations; Board of Visitors, University of Pittsburgh School of Law (1996-2014); member, Pennsylvania Interbranch Commission for Gender, Racial, and Ethnic Fairness (2006-2009); and Life Member, National Council of Negro Women; Member, PA Justice Reinvestment Work Group (U.S. Justice Department BJA initiative) (2011); PA Senate/House Caucus on At Risk Children & Families (1913-); Commissioner, President's Advisory Commission for Educational Excellence for African Americans (2014-). Among her honors and awards were Businesswoman of the Year, Business & Professional Women's Club (1985); Distinguished Alumni Award, University of Pittsburgh School of Law; and Commencement Speaker, University of Pittsburgh School of Law (May 26, 2007); Lifetime Achievement Award, National Congress of Black Women, Delaware County; Certificate of Appreciation, National Alliance of Women Veterans, Inc; Thaddeus Stevens Award, Public Interest Law Center of Philadelphia; Clifford Scott Green Chapter "Eagle Award," National Bar Association Judicial Council; Color of Justice Program Award, National Association

of Women Judges; Women Pioneers' Hall of Fame, Southwest Belmont Community Association; Distinguished Service Award, National Bar Association Judicial Council; Raymond Pace Alexander Award, National Bar Association Judicial Council; Distinguished Alumni Award, University of Pittsburgh; Chairman's Independent Jurist Award (Minority Bar), Pennsylvania Bar Association; Drum Major for Social Justice Award, Philadelphia MLK Jr. Association for Nonviolence; Judge A. Leon Higginbotham, Jr. Award, Barristers' Association of Philadelphia; Outstanding Alumna Award, University of Pittsburgh School of Law; Citizen of the Year, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity; Award of Appreciation, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity; 8th Annual Tribute to Women Leadership Award, YWCA of Greater Pittsburgh; Appreciation Award for Dedicated Service to Allegheny County Youth/Families; Big Sister of the Year Award, Friends Indeed, Inc; Citation from the Pennsylvania House of Representatives; Proclamation, Pittsburgh City Council; Special Tribute, Erie City Council; Proclamation, Allegheny County Board of Commissioners.

JUANITA KIDD STOUT



Governor Bob Casey, Sr. appointed Stout as the first African-American and second woman as an Associate Justice of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court on January 15, 1988 and confirmed by the Senate on February 8, 1988, serving from March 3, 1988 until March 7, 1989, mandatory retirement age at 70 years old. She was the first African-American woman to serve on any state appellate court in the country.

Juanita Kidd Stout (March 7, 1919–August 21, 1998), graduated from Iowa State University, B.A. (1939) and from University of Indiana School of Law, LL.B. (1948) and LL.M. (1954). Administrative Assistant, Judge Hastie, U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit (1950); private practice (1950-55); Assistant District Attorney, Philadelphia District Attorney's Office (1955-59). Governor David L. Lawrence appointed her as a judge of the Philadelphia Municipal Court in September 1959 and won a full-term election in November 1959 as the first African-American woman appointed or elected judge of a court of record. In November 1969, she was elected as judge of the Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas, and retained in November 1979, serving from January 1970-January 1988. Following her Supreme Court appointment, she returned as a senior judge, Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas (1989-1998). During Pres. John F. Kennedy's administration she was a special ambassador to the Kenya Independence Celebration and served on the White House Conference on Children and Youth. Among her honors and awards are eleven honorary doctorate degrees; Outstanding Woman Lawyer of the Year, National Association of Women Lawyers (1965); Distinguished Service Award, University of Iowa (1974); Henry G. Bennett Distinguished Service Award, Oklahoma State University (1980); inducted into Oklahoma Hall of Fame (1981) and Oklahoma Women's Hall of Fame (1983); Indiana University's Academy of Law Alumni Fellows (1986); Justice of the Year Award, National Association of Women Judges (1988); Sandra Day O'Connor Award, Philadelphia Bar Association (1994); Legend of the Bar, Philadelphia Bar Association (2002); Tuition Scholarship granted in her honor and memory, NBA Women Lawyers Division, Philadelphia Chapter (2008); renamed the Philadelphia criminal courthouse as the Justice Juanita Kidd Stout Center for Criminal Justice (May 2012).

MEGAN SULLIVAN



Megan Sullivan was elected as a Judge of the Pennsylvania Superior Court in November 2021, serving from January 3, 2022 to January 5, 2032.

Sullivan graduated from Saint Joseph's University, B.A. (1993) and from Temple University Beasley School of Law, J.D. (2001). She was a law clerk to Judge Ronald Nagle, Chester County Court of Common Pleas (2005-06), served as an Assistant District Attorney and supervisory district attorney, District Attorney Office, Chester County (2002-12); assistant general counsel for West Chester University (2012-15); Attorney, MacMain, Connell & Leinhauser (2015-17); and Deputy Attorney General, Pennsylvania Office of Attorney General (2017-21). She was a member of the Chester County Bar Association. Among awards were Pi Sigma Alpha Academic Honor Society, Temple Law School National Trial Team (1999-2001); Award for Victim's Center, Crime Victim's Center of Chester County (2012).

DEBRA MCCLOSKEY TODD



Debra Todd was elected as a Justice of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court in November 2007 and retained in 2017, serving from January 7, 2008 to January 3, 2028. She will become the first woman Chief Justice of the Supreme Court in January 2024.

Debra McCloskey Todd graduated from Chatham College, B.A. with Honors (1979), University of Pittsburgh School of Law, J.D. (1982), and University of Virginia School of Law, LL.M. (2004); Honorary Doctorate in Public Service, Chatham University (2008). She was a member of the *University of Pittsburgh Law Review* (1982). She served as a litigation attorney, U.S. Steel Corp. (1982-87); private practice (1987-99); elected to judge of Pennsylvania Superior Court in November 1999 and served from January 2000 to January 2008. She is a member of the American, Pennsylvania, Allegheny, Butler Bar Associations; member, American Law Institute; Academy of Trial Lawyers of Allegheny County; National Association of Women Judges; International Association of Women Judges; Women's Bar Association of Western Pennsylvania; Past President, Pittsburgh Action Against Rape; Leadership Pittsburgh Alumnae Board; Finnegan Foundation. Among her honors and awards are Woman of the Year 2007, Pennsylvania Federation of Democratic Women; Woman of the Year Award, The Legal Intelligencer Women in the Profession (2007-08); Philip Werner Amram Award for Professional Excellence, Allegheny County Bar Association (2010); Distinguished Alumni Award, University of Pittsburgh Law Alumni Association (2012); Marjorie Matson Woman of the Year Award, Pitt Law Women's Association (2013); Judge Robert E. Dauer Award for Judicial Leadership and Excellence, Amen Corner (2015); Visionary Award, Pittsburgh Action Against Rape (2016); Susan B. Anthony Award, Women's Bar Association of Western Pennsylvania (2017).

STACY WALLACE



Stacy Wallace was elected Judge of the Pennsylvania Commonwealth Court in November 2021, serving from January 3, 2022 to January 5, 2032.

Wallace graduated from the University of Pittsburgh, B.A. (2001) and from Duquesne University School of Law, J.D. (2004). She served as a law clerk in the McKean County Court of Common Pleas and Pennsylvania Superior Court. She was staff attorney in the Northwestern Legal Services and had a private practice (2012-21). She belongs to the Pennsylvania and McKean County Bar Associations; Board of Directors, Northwestern Legal Services; Advisory Board of Directors, University of Pittsburgh at Bradford; Board of Directors, The Guidance Center; Kiwanis Club of Bradford.