

# **PENNSYLVANIA SUPERIOR COURT JUDGES**

## **1895 - PRESENT**

### **COMMISSIONED JUDGES OF THE SUPERIOR COURT**

#### **Judges Elected to Full Terms**

<b>Charles E. Rice</b>	<b>1895</b>
<b>James A. Beaver</b>	<b>1895</b>
<b>George B. Orlady</b>	<b>1895</b>
<b>John J. Wickham</b>	<b>1895</b>
<b>Edward N. Willard</b>	<b>1895</b>
<b>Howard J. Reeder</b>	<b>1895</b>
<b>Peter P. Smith</b>	<b>1896</b>
<b>William D. Porter</b>	<b>1898</b>
<b>John I. Mitchell</b>	<b>1900</b>
<b>Thomas A. Morrison</b>	<b>1902</b>
<b>John J. Henderson</b>	<b>1903</b>
<b>John B. Head</b>	<b>1906</b>
<b>John W. Kephart</b>	<b>1914</b>
<b>Frank M. Trexler</b>	<b>1914</b>
<b>J. Henry Williams</b>	<b>1916</b>
<b>William Huestis Keller</b>	<b>1919</b>
<b>William B. Linn</b>	<b>1919</b>
<b>Robert S. Gawthrop</b>	<b>1922</b>
<b>Jesse E. B. Cunningham</b>	<b>1926</b>

<b>Thomas J. Baldrige</b>	<b>1929</b>
<b>James B. Drew</b>	<b>1931</b>
<b>Joseph Stadtfeld</b>	<b>1931</b>
<b>William M. Parker</b>	<b>1932</b>
<b>Arthur H. James</b>	<b>1933</b>
<b>Chester H. Rhodes</b>	<b>1935</b>
<b>William E. Hirt</b>	<b>1939</b>
<b>Charles H. Kenworthy</b>	<b>1941</b>
<b>Claude Trexler Reno</b>	<b>1942</b>
<b>F. Clair Ross</b>	<b>1945</b>
<b>W. Heber Dithrich</b>	<b>1945</b>
<b>John C. Arnold</b>	<b>1945</b>
<b>John S. Fine</b>	<b>1947</b>
<b>Blair F. Gunther</b>	<b>1950</b>
<b>J. Colvin Wright</b>	<b>1953</b>
<b>Robert E. Woodside</b>	<b>1953</b>
<b>Harold L. Ervin</b>	<b>1954</b>
<b>G. Harold Watkins</b>	<b>1957</b>
<b>Harry Milton Montgomery</b>	<b>1960</b>
<b>Gerald F. Flood</b>	<b>1961</b>
<b>Robert Lee Jacobs</b>	<b>1965</b>
<b>J. Sydney Hoffman</b>	<b>1965</b>
<b>Theodore O. Spaulding</b>	<b>1966</b>
<b>William Franklin Cercone</b>	<b>1969</b>
<b>Edmund B. Spaeth, Jr.</b>	<b>1973</b>
<b>Gwilynn A. Price, Jr.</b>	<b>1974</b>
<b>Robert Van der Voort</b>	<b>1974</b>
<b>John P. Hester</b>	<b>1978</b>

<b>Donald E. Wieand</b>	<b>1978</b>
<b>James R. Cavanaugh</b>	<b>1979</b>
<b>John G. Brosky</b>	<b>1980</b>
<b>Richard B. Wickersham</b>	<b>1980</b>
<b>Frank J. Montemuro, Jr.</b>	<b>1980</b>
<b>Justin M. Johnson</b>	<b>1980</b>
<b>Zoran Popovich</b>	<b>1980</b>
<b>Stephen J. McEwen</b>	<b>1981</b>
<b>Phyllis W. Beck</b>	<b>1981</b>
<b>Vincent A. Cirillo</b>	<b>1982</b>
<b>James E. Rowley</b>	<b>1982</b>
<b>Patrick R. Tamilia</b>	<b>1984</b>
<b>Joseph A. Del Sole</b>	<b>1984</b>
<b>Peter Paul Olszewski</b>	<b>1984</b>
<b>John T.J. Kelly, Jr.</b>	<b>1986</b>
<b>Kate Ford Elliott</b>	<b>1990</b>
<b>Joseph A. Hudock</b>	<b>1990</b>
<b>Thomas G. Saylor</b>	<b>1994</b>
<b>J. Michael Eakin</b>	<b>1996</b>
<b>Michael T. Joyce</b>	<b>1998</b>
<b>Correale F Stevens</b>	<b>1998</b>
<b>John L. Musmanno</b>	<b>1998</b>
<b>Joan Orie Melvin</b>	<b>1998</b>
<b>Maureen E. Lally-Green</b>	<b>1998</b>
<b>Debra McClosky Todd</b>	<b>2000</b>
<b>Richard B. Klein</b>	<b>2002</b>
<b>John T. Bender</b>	<b>2002</b>
<b>Mary Jane Bowes</b>	<b>2002</b>

<b>Susan Peikes Gantman</b>	<b>2004</b>
<b>Seamus P. McCaffery</b>	<b>2004</b>
<b>Jack A. Panella</b>	<b>2004</b>
<b>Christine L. Donohue</b>	<b>2008</b>
<b>Jacqueline O. Shogan</b>	<b>2008</b>
<b>Cheryl Lynn Allen</b>	<b>2008</b>
<b>Anne E. Lazarus</b>	<b>2010</b>
<b>Sallie Updyke Mundy</b>	<b>2010</b>
<b>Judith Ference Olson</b>	<b>2010</b>
<b>Paula Francisco Ott</b>	<b>2010</b>
<b>David Wecht</b>	<b>2012</b>
<b>Victor P. Stabile</b>	<b>2014</b>
<b>Alice B. Dubow</b>	<b>2016</b>
<b>Deborah A. Kunselman</b>	<b>2018</b>
<b>Carolyn H. Nichols</b>	<b>2018</b>
<b>Mary P. Murray</b>	<b>2018</b>
<b>Maria C. McLaughlin</b>	<b>2018</b>
<b>Megan McCarthy King</b>	<b>2020</b>
<b>Daniel D. McCaffery</b>	<b>2020</b>
<b>Megan Sullivan</b>	<b>2022</b>
<b>Jill Beck</b>	<b>2024</b>
<b>Timika Lane</b>	<b>2024</b>

The list of [Commissioned Judges of the Superior Court](#) references the year the Judge first took office. Some Judges elected to full terms were initially appointed by the Governor of Pennsylvania to the Superior Court.

## **PRESIDENT JUDGES**

<b>Charles E. Rice</b>	<b>1895 – 1915</b>
<b>George B. Orlady</b>	<b>1915 – 1925</b>
<b>William D. Porter</b>	<b>1925 – 1930</b>
<b>Frank M. Trexler</b>	<b>1930 – 1935</b>
<b>William H. Keller</b>	<b>1935 – 1945</b>
<b>Thomas J. Baldrige</b>	<b>1945 – 1947</b>
<b>Chester H. Rhodes</b>	<b>1947 – 1965</b>
<b>Harold L. Ervin</b>	<b>1965 – 1968</b>
<b>J. Colvin Wright</b>	<b>1968 – 1974</b>
<b>G. Harold Watkins</b>	<b>1974 – 1978</b>
<b>Robert Lee Jacobs</b>	<b>1978 – 1979</b>
<b>William F. Cercone</b>	<b>1979 – 1983</b>
<b>Edmund B. Spaeth, Jr.</b>	<b>1983 – 1986</b>
<b>Vincent A. Cirillo</b>	<b>1986 – 1991</b>
<b>James E. Rowley</b>	<b>1991 – 1996</b>
<b>Stephen J. McEwen, Jr.</b>	<b>1996 – 2001</b>
<b>Joseph A. Del Sole</b>	<b>2001 - 2006</b>
<b>Kate Ford Elliott</b>	<b>2006 – 2011</b>
<b>Correale F. Stevens</b>	<b>2011 – 2013</b>
<b>John T. Bender</b>	<b>2013 – 2014</b>
<b>Susan Peikes Gantman</b>	<b>2014 – 2019</b>
<b>Jack A. Panella</b>	<b>2019 – 2023</b>
<b>Anne E. Lazarus</b>	<b>2024 - Present</b>

The **President Judge of the Superior Court** is elected by the commissioned judges. The President Judge serves in that capacity for five years.

## **THE FIRST APPOINTEES TO THE SUPERIOR COURT**

Appointed by Governor Daniel H. Hastings in 1895

Charles E. Rice  
James A. Beaver  
Howard J. Reeder  
George B. Orlady  
John J. Wickham  
Edward N. Willard  
Howard J. Reeder  
Henry J. McCarthy

## **SENIOR JUDGES APPOINTED BY THE SUPREME COURT**

Robert E. Colville	2006
James J. Fitzgerald	2008
William H. Platt	2011
Eugene B. Strassburger	2011
James G. Colins	2019
Dan Pellegrini	2019

## **JUDGES APPOINTED FOR LIMITED TERMS**

William W. Porter	1897
Dimmer Beeber	1899
J. Frank Graff	1930
John G. Whitmore	1930
Arthur H. James	1944
Philip O. Carr	1956
John Berne Hannum	1968

<b>Israel Packel</b>	<b>1971</b>
<b>Richard DiSalle</b>	<b>1980</b>
<b>Perry Shertz</b>	<b>1980</b>
<b>James R. Melinson</b>	<b>1988</b>
<b>D. Donald Hamieson</b>	<b>1995</b>
<b>Berle M. Schiller</b>	<b>1996</b>
<b>Robert A. Graci</b>	<b>2002</b>
<b>Robert C. Daniels</b>	<b>2007</b>
<b>Robert A. Freedberg</b>	<b>2008</b>
<b>John M. Cleland</b>	<b>2008</b>
<b>Patricia H. Jenkins</b>	<b>2014</b>
<b>Carl A. Solano</b>	<b>2016</b>
<b>Lillian Harris Ransom</b>	<b>2016</b>
<b>H. Geoffrey Moulton, Jr.</b>	<b>2016</b>

The list of [Judges Appointed for Limited Terms](#) includes Judges who were nominated by the Governor of Pennsylvania and confirmed by the Senate of Pennsylvania.