

PENNSYLVANIA SUPERIOR COURT JUDGES SINCE 1895

COMMISSIONED JUDGES OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

Judges Elected to Full Terms

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

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

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

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

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

Charles E. Rice	1895 – 1915
George B. Orlady	1915 – 1925
William D. Porter	1925 – 1930
Frank M. Trexler	1930 – 1935
William H. Keller	1935 – 1945

Thomas J. Baldrige	1945 – 1947
Chester H. Rhodes	1947 – 1965
Harold L. Ervin	1965 – 1968
J. Colvin Wright	1968 – 1974
G. Harold Watkins	1974 – 1978
Robert Lee Jacobs	1978 – 1979
William F. Cercone	1979 – 1983
Edmund B. Spaeth, Jr.	1983 – 1986
Vincent A. Cirillo	1986 – 1991
James E. Rowley	1991 – 1996
Stephen J. McEwen, Jr.	1996 – 2001
Joseph A. Del Sole	2001 - 2006
Kate Ford Elliott	2006 – 2011
Correale F. Stevens	2011 – 2013
John T. Bender	2013 – 2014
Susan Peikes Gantman	2014 – 2019
Jack A. Panella	2019 – Present

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

Abraham H. Lipez	1985
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 Beerne Hannum	1968
Israel Packer	1971
Richard DiSalle	1980
Perry Shertz	1980
James R. Melinson	1988
D. Donald Jamieson	1995
Berle M. Schiller	1996
Robert A. Graci	2002
Robert C. Daniels	2007
Robert A. Freedberg	2008
John M. Cleland	2008

Patricia H. Jenkins	2014
Carl A. Solano	2016
Lillian Harris Ransom	2016
H. Geoffrey Moulton, Jr.	2016

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.