

# **PENNSYLVANIA SUPERIOR COURT JUDGES SINCE 1895**

## **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>Gerald F. Flood</b>	<b>1961</b>
<b>Harry Milton Montgomery</b>	<b>1960</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>

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
Megan Sullivan	2022

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

<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 – Present</b>

## **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 Beerne Hannum	1968
Israel Packer	1971
Richard DiSalle	1980
Perry Shertz	1980
James R. Melinson	1988
D. Donald Hamieson	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.