
Biographies

CHANCELLOR:

John E. Savoth, Esquire

Mr. Savoth is the Association's 85th Chancellor of the Philadelphia Bar Association. A graduate of Dickinson College and Widener University School of Law, he began his legal career as a law clerk for the late Hon. James T. McDermott of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, thereafter working for his legal mentor, Bill Keller, at Keller & Associates, which later became Keller & Savoth. In 1996, Mr. Savoth formed the law offices of John E. Savoth, and in 2003 merged practices with William Fedullo to create Fedullo & Savoth. In 2007, he became Of Counsel to Saltz Mongeluzzi Barrett & Bendesky PC. He focuses his practice on personal injury matters including construction, motor vehicle, and premises and products liability. At the Bar Association, Mr. Savoth has served in numerous leadership roles including chair of the Board of Governors, secretary and assistant secretary of the Association, chair of the Young Lawyers Division and co-chair of the Bench-Bar & Annual Conference, as well as chair or member of various committees. He is a member of the Commission on Judicial Selection and Retention and a trustee of the Philadelphia Bar Foundation, as well as a charter member of its Andrew Hamilton Circle. Among his other service roles, Mr. Savoth is a member of the Board of Directors of the Philadelphia Volunteers for the Indigent Program (VIP) and the Public Interest Law Center of Philadelphia.

CONFERENCE PLANNERS:

Maria A. Feeley, Esquire

Ms. Feeley is a partner in the Litigation and Dispute Resolution Department of Pepper Hamilton LLP, resident in the Philadelphia office. Ms. Feeley serves on the firm's Hiring and Diversity Committees. She focuses her practice on complex business and commercial disputes, products liability, franchise, insurance and bad faith litigation. Ms. Feeley represents individuals and corporations in matters involving breach of contract claims, business disputes and business torts. Her product liability practice focuses on advising and representing domestic and international manufacturers, distributors and retailers in lawsuits throughout the United States. Her insurance practice focuses on representing corporate clients and insurance companies in complex insurance disputes and bad faith lawsuits, and she has served as national counsel for insurance companies, managing their litigation and outside counsel throughout the United States. Ms. Feeley is experienced in resolving matters through negotiation, mediation, arbitration and litigation. Before joining Pepper in January 2004, she was an associate in the Commercial Litigation and Property Departments of White and Williams LLP, where she worked extensively on complex commercial litigation matters, insurance coverage and bad faith lawsuits, products liability and construction defect cases, and real estate errors and omissions cases. Ms. Feeley is an arbitrator for the Philadelphia County Court of Common Pleas, and an adjunct professor at Rosemont College, where she teaches business law and is a regular speaker before industry and bar association groups. She served as a leader in multiple capacities for the Pennsylvania, Philadelphia and American Bar Associations. In 2007, she was elected to a three-year term on the Board of Governors of the Philadelphia Bar Association and in 2007 and 2008 served as co-chair of its Women in the Profession Committee, in 2009 served as co-chair of its Annual Bench-Bar Conference, and in 2011 served as chair of its Justice Brennan Jr. Distinguished Award Committee. She currently serves as the association's liaison to the American Bar Association's

Commission on Women in the Profession. Ms. Feeley chaired the First Women in the Profession Summit of the Philadelphia Bar Association and the Subcommittee which drafted the Best Practices for the Retention and Promotion of Women Attorneys. She is the founding member of the Women in the Profession Public Service Task Force and she co-chaired the Planning Committee for the 2010 American Bar Association Women In Law Leadership Academy and is a member of the Executive Council of Pennsylvania Bar Association Commission on Women in the Profession. Ms. Feeley is a member of the American Bar Association Advisory Panel and, as such, is periodically asked to provide opinions about the direction of the ABA and issues facing the legal profession. She also serves on the Executive Board of the Stewards' Alliance, an organization dedicated to supporting the special needs schools of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia and the YWI Advisory Board of Women's Way, the county's oldest and largest women's funding federation. Ms. Feeley has received numerous legal and professional awards. She provides pro bono legal services through the Philadelphia Volunteers for the Indigent Program (VIP). She received her B.A., *cum laude*, in mathematics and history in 1993 from Rosemont College, where she received a four-year full-tuition academic scholarship and was inducted into the Delta Epsilon Sigma National Honor Society. She received her J.D. in 1997 from Washington and Lee University School of Law, where she served as a case note author and senior articles editor of the Washington and Lee Journal of Civil Rights and Social Justice, formerly known as the Race and Ethnic Ancestry Law Digest. In law school, she was appointed to the National Moot Court Team and was a National Moot Court quarterfinalist and a John W. Davis Moot Court semifinalist.

JUDICIAL FACULTY:

Honorable Mark I. Bernstein

Judge Bernstein has continuously served as a Judge of the First Judicial District of Pennsylvania since April, 1987. His fellow Judges elected him Secretary of the Court of Common Pleas Board of Judges. The Supreme Court of Pennsylvania has appointed Judge Bernstein to serve on important committees concerned with the quality of Justice in Pennsylvania. In 1990, he served on the Judicial Study Committee of Philadelphia, which prepared a comprehensive analysis of the Philadelphia Court system and made significant recommendations for reform. He presently serves on the Civil Jury Instruction Subcommittee of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court, which annually publishes Standard Jury Instructions for use by Judges and lawyers in civil trials. He also serves on the Supreme Court Medical Malpractice Mediation Task Force encouraging alternatives to litigation in malpractice claims. Judge Bernstein serves on the Commerce Court of the First Judicial District. In December of 1995, Judge Bernstein designed and implemented the case management system for all Civil Major Jury cases in Philadelphia County. "Day Forward Case Management" is a system for judicial control from initiation to resolution of the 7,000 Major Jury cases annually filed in Philadelphia. As a result of "Day Forward Case Management" the Philadelphia County Civil Court, where 6 year delays to trial were once commonplace, maintains a current civil caseload with resolution within two years of initiation. As a result of Judge Bernstein's activities in Judicial Management and Reform he is the recipient of the Foundation for Improvement of Justice Annual Award, for innovative programs which have proven effective and can serve as a model practice. Judge Bernstein writes extensively on the law particularly in the area of expert testimony. He is the author of "Pennsylvania Rules of Evidence with Comments and Annotations by Honorable Mark I. Bernstein" published by Gann Law Books. He was Chairman of the Board of Editors for "The Bill of Rights: A Bicentennial View" and contributed two essays: "Judicial Decision Making" and "A Meditation on Judicial Morality" to "The Judge's Book" published by the American Bar Association and the National Judicial College. His comprehensive analysis of "Expert Testimony in Pennsylvania" was published by the Temple Law Review in 1995.

Articles authored by Judge Bernstein have appeared in "Judicature", "Court Review", "The Responsive Community", "The Philadelphia Lawyer", and "Trial Magazine". Judge Bernstein has addressed Judges and lawyers nationwide on the law and courtroom procedure. He has served on the faculty of the National Judicial College. After graduating from the University of Pennsylvania Law School and before taking the bench in 1987, Judge Bernstein was in the private practice of law specializing in litigation.

Honorable Genece E. Brinkley

Judge Brinkley has served as a judge of the Court of Common Pleas for more than eighteen years and has handled criminal, civil and family law cases. Prior to being elected as a judge in 1993, she was in private practice, where she handled personal injury, family law, and business law cases. She served as Hearing Examiner for the Philadelphia Gas Commission and as co-counsel for the City of Philadelphia in litigation and on municipal bond issues. Originally from Nashville, Tennessee she is a graduate of Temple University Beasley School of Law and Spelman College in Atlanta, Georgia.

Honorable Charles B. Burr, II

Judge Burr was elected to his first ten-year term on the Delaware County Court of Common Pleas in November 1999 and was re-elected in 2009. In 2011, Judge Burr assumed Senior Judge status. He is a graduate of Yale University and the University of Pennsylvania School of Law. Senior Judge Burr is currently serving in the Civil Trial Division and has been assigned numerous major jury and non-jury cases involving medical malpractice, products liability, premises liability, Dram Shop Act/negligence claims, defamation actions, automobile negligence, automobile license suspension appeals, class actions, Minimum Wage Act/Wage Payment and Collection Law Claims, consumer fraud, insurer's bad faith, insurance coverage issues, injunctive relief, tax assessment appeals, zoning hearing board appeals, business dissolutions, breach of contract, fiduciary surcharge and shareholders' derivative actions. He is also the presiding Judge for all Mass Tort Litigation. Prior to his election to the Bench, Senior Judge Burr had 34 years experience as a trial attorney, in both criminal and civil cases, and as a professional mediator/arbitrator. He served as an Assistant United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania from 1969 to 1972. In addition, from 1993 to 1999 he volunteered his services as a Judge Pro Tempore to assist Delaware and Philadelphia Counties in the reduction of the unacceptable level of backlogged cases in those courts. From 1992 to 1996, Senior Judge Burr was an Adjunct Professor at the Villanova School of Law teaching a course in Civil Pretrial Practice. He also served as the Radnor Township Zoning Hearing Board Solicitor for 25 years (1975-2000). He has published opinions which have addressed diverse and complex issues. Senior Judge Burr has also authored numerous articles for legal and medical journals and has been a frequent lecturer at continuing legal education programs sponsored by the Pennsylvania Conference of State Trial Judges, the Pennsylvania Bar Institute, the Pennsylvania Association for Justice, and the Philadelphia and Delaware County Bar Associations on issues relating to civil litigation including the management of civil trials, medical malpractice and the settlement of cases. Since 2000, he has been a faculty member of the Academy of Advocacy at Temple University James E. Beasley School of Law.

Honorable Ronald D. Castille

Ronald D. Castille (born March 16, 1944) is the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania. He was the District Attorney of the City of Philadelphia from 1986 until 1991 and is a member of the Republican Party. He is also an amputee (requiring the use of crutches), having lost his leg to enemy gunfire while serving as a Marine platoon commander during the Vietnam War. Justice Castille received a B.S. in Economics from Auburn University in 1966. Following

graduation was commissioned an officer in the United States Marine Corps in Vietnam where he served as a platoon commander in 2nd Battalion, 7th Marines. On March 16, 1967, Justice Castille was conducting a Search and destroy mission with his company in Duc Pho, Quang Ngai Province when they came under attack from a Viet Cong battalion. During the fighting, he was seriously wounded and fell, unable to move. One of his Marines, Angel Mendez shielded him and then carried him to friendly lines, which were more than seventy-five meters away. During this action Mendez was hit in the shoulder and two of his comrades rushed to help him with Justice Castille but Mendez refused to let go of Justice Castille and chose to act as rear man. Mendez continued to shield his Lieutenant with his own body until he was mortally wounded. For his actions Mendez was posthumously awarded the Navy Cross and promoted to Sergeant. Following his medical retirement from the Marine Corps in 1968, Justice Castille received his J.D. from the University of Virginia School of Law. In 1986, he was elected District Attorney of Philadelphia and served until 1991 when he unsuccessfully ran for mayor. Prior to his election to the Supreme Court, he was in private practice as a civil litigator for Reed Smith Shaw & McClay in Philadelphia. He was elected to the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania in 1993. On January 14, 2008, the Justice Castille was sworn in as Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania.

Honorable Carolyn T. Carluccio

Elected to the Montgomery County Court of Common Pleas in November of 2009, Judge Carluccio has been transferred to Civil Court for 2012 after sitting for 2 years on the Family Court Bench. Previous to taking the Bench, Judge Carluccio enjoyed a diverse and successful legal career, primarily in the public sector. She began her career as a federal prosecutor in United States Attorney's Office for 9 years where she prosecuted large scale drug dealers, white-collar fraud, and health care crimes. Thereafter, she became the first woman Chief Public Defender for Montgomery County. She also served as the Chief Deputy Solicitor for the County, where she supervised contract negotiations, real estate transactions, personnel, and open space. She represented the county in litigation over the Barnes Foundation art gallery and negotiated the purchase of a \$27 million dollar building saving taxpayers over a million dollars in broker and legal fees. While serving as solicitor, she was unanimously appointed by the Board of County Commissioners as Acting Director of Human Resources for 3700 county employees. Judge Carluccio has trained both attorneys and law enforcement personnel in topics including drug interdiction, asset forfeiture, money laundering, white collar crime, family law issues and trial advocacy. She has received numerous awards and commendations from the U.S. Treasury Department, DEA, FBI, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, Secret Service, U.S. Army, and local civics groups. In addition to the Bar Association and PBA, Judge Carluccio remains active in several community and charity endeavors. She, her husband Tom, also a lawyer, and three sons live in Blue Bell.

Honorable Thomas M. DeRicci

Judge DeRicci is the Administrative Judge of the Civil Division of Montgomery County and the Past President of the Pennsylvania Conference of State Trial Judges. He has served as a judge since 1998, after previously serving as an attorney in Montgomery and Philadelphia counties. He is a graduate of St. Joseph's Prep, St. Joseph's University and Loyola University School of Law.

Honorable Pamela P. Dembe

Judge Dembe has been a Common Pleas judge for 20 years and is the President Judge of the Common Pleas Court. She is a graduate of Temple University School of Law and has lived in Philadelphia for approximately 40 years. Judge Dembe is the Past President of the State Trial Judges organization, the Pennsylvania Bar Association's Criminal Law Section, the Brehon Law Society, and the Friends of the Free Library of Philadelphia. Presently, she is Secretary of the

Board of the Free Library of Philadelphia as well as an officer of the Temple Inn of Court and a member of the Board of the Lawyers' Club of Philadelphia.

Honorable Holly J. Ford

Judge Ford received her J.D. from Rutgers School of Law, Camden, New Jersey. She currently serves as a Court of Common Pleas Judge dealing in Family Court, Domestic Relations. Judge Ford had been an Adjunct Professor at CCP for the past seventeen years in the Paralegal Studies Program. She is co-chair of the Family Law Division of the Judicial Education Committee and the Meet the Judge's Program for the Court of Common Pleas.

Honorable Idee C. Fox

Judge Fox attended the State University of New York at Stony Brook, and received her Bachelor of Arts degree in 1974. She graduated from the Washington University School of Law in St. Louis, Missouri. Upon her return to Philadelphia, she was admitted to the Bar in 1977. A practicing attorney for 18 years, she began her legal career as a sole practitioner in a neighborhood law office. In November 1995, Judge Fox was elected to the Court of Common Pleas, Philadelphia County. She was retained for an additional ten years in 2005. Judge Fox served in the Family Court, Domestic Relations Division, from 1995 to 2008, serving as Supervising Judge from December 2000 to January 2006. In January 2008, Judge Fox was transferred to the Civil Trial Division, and is currently assigned to the Motion Program. Judge Fox has participated in numerous continuing education programs. She is currently a member of the Education Committee of the Pennsylvania Conference of State Trial Judges.

Honorable John W. Herron

Judge Herron was elected to the bench in November, 1987, re-elected to a second ten year term in November, 1997 and re-elected to a third term in 2007. He has held various assignments in the Criminal Section and subsequently in the Civil Section of the Trial Division and has served on numerous judicial committees including serving as Chair of the Judicial Accountability Committee and the Civil Management Committee. From January, 1996 to February, 2002, Judge Herron was appointed by the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania as the Administrative Judge of the Trial Division and supervised 70 judges assigned to the Civil and Criminal Programs, as well as approximately 1,000 Court employees in this largest of three divisions of the Court. He worked to modernize and streamline the civil complaint, motion and discovery filing processes, initiated a Commercial Law Civil Trial Program and organized the Court into judicial teams, a greatly improved method for achieving significant dispositions of cases. Among the many accomplishments under his tenure were the reduction of the civil major jury backlog from 13,000 cases to 6, 500; implementation of a Jury Scofflaw Court and improved community acceptance of jury service; relocation of the 600 member Probation and Pretrial Divisions to a new functionally designed building and reorganization of the Department for enhanced parole and probation services; and settlement of a 30 year old prison litigation case (Jackson v. Hendrick). His administration was widely lauded for innovations that improved both the efficiency of the court and the treatment of those who come before it. In November, 2011, the Supreme Court again appointed Judge Herron as the Administrative Judge of the Trial Division and shortly thereafter designated him Chair of the Administrative Governing Board, in charge of the entire governance of the First Judicial District. The Commerce Program created by Judge Herron was then and remains today the only such program in Pennsylvania and has been universally hailed and recognized for its excellence. Judge Herron, while serving as the Administrative Judge, served as one of the two judges in the Commerce Court program and authored over 150 opinions while performing the assignment. During his judicial service, Judge Herron has appeared frequently as a lecturer and panelist in

various continuing legal education programs and has taught law school courses in both Professional Responsibility and Trial Advocacy. From 1993 to 1996, he served as a gubernatorial appointee to the constitutionally created Judicial Conduct Board. He has held memberships in the Temple Inn of Court and the University of Pennsylvania Law School Inn of Court and is a member of the Junior Legal Club. He has received numerous awards including the American Legion Service Award (1999), the Philadelphia Bar Association Person of the Year (1998), the Bar Association's Brennan Award as a distinguished jurist in October, 2011 and received the Pennsylvania Bar Association's highest rating in 2003 as a candidate for election to the Pennsylvania Supreme Court. Judge Herron received a B.A. from Duke University in 1966 and a J.D. from Dickinson Law School in 1969.

Honorable Richard B. Klein (ret.)

Judge Klein retired from the bench after 36 years of service on the trial and appellate courts to join The Dispute Resolution Institute, providing arbitration, mediation, and appellate advising services. When Judge Klein was elected to the Superior Court of Pennsylvania in 2001, he received a "highly recommended" rating from the Pennsylvania Bar Association and the endorsement of every major newspaper in the State that made judicial endorsements. He was a trial judge on the Court of Common Pleas of Philadelphia since 1971, when he was the youngest judge in the history of Pennsylvania. He is a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Amherst College and an honors graduate of Harvard Law School. Judge Klein is a member of the Supreme Court Appellate Rules Committee. He is founder and chair emeritus of the Pennsylvania Bar Association Plain English Committee and is a member of the House of Delegates of the PBA. Judge Klein is co-author of the West Publication book, *Trial Communication Skills*, written with *Body Language* author Julius Fast and international lawyer Roberto Aron. He served as the vice-chair of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court's Pennsylvania Futures Commission for Justice in the 21st Century. Judge Klein frequently lectures on Effective Writing, Trial and Appellate Advocacy, Alternative Dispute Resolution, and other topics. He received Mediation Training both at the National Judicial College and at the American Bar Association Mediation Training for Judges. Judge Klein is the educational leader for legal-study tours sponsored by the Corporation for Professional Conferences, having led 16 such trips, including trips to Russia, China, Greece, Egypt, and the Czech Republic and Hungary, Vietnam and most recently, South Africa. He served for fifteen years as an adjunct lecturer at Temple University Law School teaching trial advocacy and legal writing. He also is the drummer and leader of the jazz groups, "The Reading Terminals" and "The Fifth Amendment."

Honorable Marlene F. Lachman

Judge Lachman was elected to the Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas in 1995 and re-elected in 2005. Before going on the bench she served as Prothonotary of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court and Deputy General Counsel, Office of General Counsel for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Judge Lachman formerly practiced as a civil litigator at Bernstein, Bernstein and Harrison and at Mesirov, Gelman, Jaffe, Cramer and Jamison in the areas of medical malpractice, products liability and general commercial litigation. She has been active in the Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and American Bar Associations, having served on the Board of Governors and as Chair of the YLS of the Philadelphia Bar Association and in the House of Delegates of the Pennsylvania Bar Association. Judge Lachman has also served as a hearing panel member for the Pennsylvania Supreme Court Disciplinary Board, and as Parliamentarian of the National Conference of Appellate Court Clerks. She is involved in numerous professional and civic organizations and has served on various boards including the boards of the Pennsylvania Conference of State Trial Judges, Philadelphia Trial Lawyers Association, Federation of Jewish Agencies of Greater Philadelphia, Gratz College, Temple University General Alumni Association and the University of

Pennsylvania Law Alumni Board of Managers. Judge Lachman is a frequent lecturer on trial practice and for five years chaired the Judicial Education Committee of the Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas.

Honorable Sandra Mazer Moss

Judge Moss, a member of the First Judicial District of Pennsylvania, is the Founder and Coordinating judge of Philadelphia's nationally recognized Complex Litigation Center. In that capacity, she has created ground breaking case management procedures in Mass Tort Litigation particularly in Asbestos and eighteen Pharmaceutical Programs. She presently supervises over 9,000 mass tort cases and eight trial judges. Judge Moss was a founding member and chair of the State Judges Mass Tort Litigation Committee (MTLC founded in 1991), which was the first national organization to develop common approaches to problems in mass tort litigation and for eight years was a standing committee of the Conference of Chief Justices. She also testified before the United States Senate Judiciary Committee concerning legislative and judicial solutions to the asbestos problem nationwide and addressed the Conference of Chief Justices and the Federal Court's Multi-District Litigation Judges on managing complex litigation. Judge Moss is chair of the First Judicial District's Civil Rules Committee and an executive committee member of the Pennsylvania Conference of State Trial Judges. She is vice president of the Temple University Beasley School of Law's Alumni Association and current Chancellor of the Brandeis Law Society. Judge Moss was the 2007-2008 President of the Temple American Inn of Court and is a National Trustee of the American Inns of Court. She was selected to represent the American Inns of Court at the 2011 opening of the United Kingdom's Court year in London. Judge Moss received the Philadelphia Bar Association's 2007 Justice William J. Brennan Jr. Distinguished Jurist Award which recognizes a jurist who adheres to the highest ideals of judicial service. She was also selected as the Beasley School of Law's Certificate of Honor Recipient at Temple University's Founder's Day Celebration in 2008. In 2010 the Philadelphia Legal Intelligencer honored her as a Woman of Distinction. The State Civil Litigation Section of the Bar Association at their annual meeting in 2011 recognized and honored Judge Moss for her distinguished service and dedication to their organization and to the Court. Judge Moss has been a faculty member at the National Judicial College since 1992 teaching Civil Procedure and Complex Litigation to Judges across the country. In recognition for her service and dedication, the National Judicial College honored her with the Advancement of Justice Award in 2011. She has also taught at Temple University's Beasley School of Law, Widener Law School, Drexel University Honors Program, Philadelphia City Solicitor's Office, Philadelphia and Pennsylvania Bar Associations, Pennsylvania Bar Institute and the Pennsylvania Conference of State Trial Judges. As coordinating Judge of the Court's Mass Tort Program she has been invited to speak about her creative case management procedures at numerous Asbestos and Pharmaceutical conferences nationwide. She received a B.S. in journalism and a J.D. from Temple University and practiced law for eight and a half years specializing in medical malpractice, products liability and toxic torts.

Honorable Patricia A. McInerney

Judge McInerney was elected to a seat on the Court of Common Pleas for the First Judicial District of Pennsylvania in November, 1995. At that time she was assigned to the Trial Division where she presided over major criminal and civil trials. Judge McInerney was retained for a second term in November, 2005. Judge McInerney is an *honors* graduate of Colgate University, Hamilton, New York where she received both B.A. and M.A. degrees. She received her J.D. degree from Temple University Law School, now known as the James E. Beasley School of Law, where she also serves as an adjunct professor of trial advocacy. Judge McInerney has served as a Team Leader in the Criminal Division, as Civil Motions judge, in the Major Civil Jury Program and

currently is assigned to the Commerce Program. Judge McInerney served for five years as Co-Chair of the First Judicial District Education Committee and currently serves as co-chair of the Subcommittee on Ethics. She served a term as a First Judicial District representative to the Executive Committee of the Pennsylvania Conference of State Trial Judges and two terms as a member of the Conference's Ethics Committee. She was appointed to the Pennsylvania Supreme Court's Task Force on Racial and Gender Fairness in the Courts, Sexual Assault Subcommittee, serves on several committees of the National Association of Women Judges and is a member of the Temple Inn of Court.

Honorable Robert J. Mellon

In July 1992, Judge Mellon was appointed to fill a vacancy on the Bucks County Court of Common Pleas. He served from July 1992 through January 1994. He returned to private practice at Mellon, Wesbter & Mellon in Doylestown, Pennsylvania as a partner. There he represented clients in professional negligence, products liability and negligence litigation. In November 2001, he was elected to serve a 10 year term in the Bucks County Court of Common Pleas, beginning January 2002. Currently Judge Mellon is the Administrative Judge of both Civil Litigation and Dependency Court. Prior to his return to the bench in January 2002, Judge Mellon assisted attorneys in resolving their cases as an arbitrator/mediator. He has been an Adjunct Faculty member of the Rutgers University Law School, Camden since 1985. He has taught Evidence I, Advanced Evidence, Pre-Trial Advocacy and Trial Advocacy. Judge Mellon received his B.S. in Sociology from LaSalle University, 1974 and his J.D. from Suffolk University Law School, 1977.

Honorable Marsha H. Neifield

President Judge Neifield was elected to the Philadelphia Municipal Court in 1997. During her years on the bench, Judge Neifield has served on various committees and panels including the Domestic Violence Law Enforcement Committee, Criminal Justice Rules Committee, the Bail Commissioners (now Arraignment Court Magistrates) Committee, PARS Committee and the Criminal Justice Advisory Board and several of its sub-committees. Under her direction new case management procedures were initiated in order to streamline protracted cases and she was instrumental in centralizing and developing the court's present Mental Health program. In January 2009, Judge Neifield was unanimously elected by her colleagues to serve a five-year term as President Judge. In addition to her court duties, Judge Neifield has presented to elementary and high school students on the criminal justice system and has participated in Career Day Panels. She is a newly appointed member of the Temple Inns of Court and is slated to begin a term as a Pennsylvania Bar Association Zone Representative. Judge Neifield also serves on the Board of Genesis II. She is a graduate of Syracuse University and received her law degree from Temple University School of Law.

Honorable Dante R. Pellegrini

Judge Pellegrini is a Judge of the Commonwealth Court of Pennsylvania, assuming office in January 1990. He was elected as President Judge of Commonwealth Court in January 2011. Prior to assuming the bench, Judge Pellegrini was City Solicitor for the City of Pittsburgh from 1982 until 1990. From 1985 to 1990, he was a trustee and member of the Executive Committee of the National Institute of Municipal Law Officers, a group of 1,800 city and county attorneys from the United States and Canada. He received his B.A. in 1967 and his J.D. in 1970 from Duquesne University School of Law. He has taught at the Institute of Judicial Administration at the New York University School of Law and has taught at the National Judicial College.

Honorable Nitza I. Quinones Alejandro

In 1990, Judge Quiñones Alejandro was nominated by Governor Robert P. Casey, Sr., for a judicial appointment and was confirmed by the Senate on December 9, 1991. In the interim, she was elected the first Hispanic female judge of the Court of Common Pleas, Philadelphia County, and retained in 2001 and 2011. Her former employment practice was in Philadelphia with the Department of Veterans Affairs, Office of District Counsel, the Department of Health & Human Services, Social Security Administration, Office of Hearings and Appeals, and Community Legal Services, Inc. Judge Quiñones Alejandro's first judicial assignment was to the Felony Waiver Program, and as of 1996, she has been assigned to the Civil Trial Division. She served as Team Leader for the 1999, 2000 and 2001 Day Forward Programs, and is currently the Team Leader for the Day Forward 2010 Program. Judge Quiñones Alejandro has served on numerous community and professional organizations. She participated in the ACE Program sponsored jointly by the Philadelphia Bar Association and the School District of Philadelphia, other Bench-Bar Conferences, and on the Pennsylvania Supreme Court's Task Force on Racial and Gender Fairness in the Court. Presently, she is a member of the Ethics Committee of the Pennsylvania Conference of State Trial Judges. Judge Quiñones Alejandro is a graduate of University of Puerto Rico, Rio Piedras, campus, School of Law, and School of Business. She attended Central Michigan University as an exchange undergraduate student.

Honorable L. Felipe Restrepo

Judge Restrepo, born in Medellin, Colombia, was raised in Northern Virginia and was sworn in as a United States Citizen on September 7, 1993. He graduated from the University of Pennsylvania and Tulane Law School and worked as a Defender in Philadelphia in both the local and federal courts before entering private practice. Judge Restrepo was a partner in the firm of Krasner & Restrepo until June of 2006 when he was sworn in as a United States Magistrate Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. He is an adjunct professor at Temple University Law School and was an adjunct professor at the University of Pennsylvania Law School from 1997-2009 where he was appointed the Irving R. Segal Lecturer in advocacy. Judge Restrepo's publications have appeared in *The Legal Intelligencer*, *The National Law Journal* and the ABA's *Criminal Justice* magazine. In 1995, he received the New American/New Freedom Committee Award from the Balch Institute in Philadelphia "In Appreciation for Outstanding Service to the Greater Philadelphia Community and the Nation." In 2000, Judge Restrepo was awarded the Cesare Beccaria Award by the Criminal Law Section of the Philadelphia Bar Association and the Justinian Society for his commitment to criminal justice issues and teaching services. In 2004, he received the Gideon Award presented by Temple Law School for demonstrating a commitment to ensuring the indigent are afforded competent counsel. In 2010, Judge Restrepo was awarded "La Justicia" award by the Hispanic Bar Association of Pennsylvania and the Justice William J. Brennan Jr. Distinguished Jurist Award by the Philadelphia Bar Association. He is a past President of the Hispanic Bar Association of Pennsylvania and has served on numerous boards including the Board of Governors of the Philadelphia Bar Association, the Philadelphia Bar Association's Commission on Judicial Selection and Retention, the Defender Board of Directors and the Russell Byers Charter School.

Honorable Angeles Roca

Judge Roca is presently a Judge in the Domestic Relations Division of the Court of Common Pleas in Philadelphia County. She received her BA from Temple University and her J.D. from Villanova University School of Law. Upon graduating from law school, Judge Roca entered into private practice as a sole practitioner with a focus on Family Law. In 2005 and 2006, she was named one of Pennsylvania Super Lawyers by *Philadelphia Magazine*. In 2008, she was named one of Delaware Valley's Most Influential Latinos by *Impacto Latino Newspaper* and the Council of

Spanish Speaking Organizations Inc. She was appointed to the bench in 2008 by the Honorable Edward Randell and subsequently elected to a 10 year term. She currently serves as a Board Member for HOPE Partnership for Education and Self Help, Inc. She is a member of NACOPRO (National Conference of Puerto Rico Women), The American Judges Association, The National Bar Association Judicial Council Clifford Scott Green Chapter, and the Hispanic Bar Association. Judge Roca lectures on a regular basis to the legal community as well as other community and professional organizations.

Honorable Cynthia M. Rufe

Judge Rufe is a Judge of the United States District Court, Eastern District of Pennsylvania. She assumed her commission on June 10, 2002, and currently presides over civil and criminal cases in federal court. Prior to her appointment to the federal bench, Judge Rufe served as a Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of Bucks County, Pennsylvania where she presided over criminal, juvenile, civil and family cases. Prior to her election to the trial court in 1993, she maintained law offices, practicing civil and criminal litigation, family law, specializing in child abuse cases and serving as Solicitor for the Bucks County Children and Youth Social Services Agency. Before entering private practice in 1982, Judge Rufe served Bucks County as Deputy Public Defender, and also coordinated that office's Juvenile Division, representing delinquent, dependent, abused and neglected children. In 1999, the Supreme Court of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania appointed her to the Appellate Procedural Rules Committee. She also served on the Education Committee of the Pennsylvania State Trial Judges Conference and was responsible for presenting educational programs to the state trial judges at their bi-annual conferences. Since her appointment to the federal bench, Judge Rufe has been designated a visiting judge, sitting by designation with the Third Circuit Court of Appeals. She was also appointed to lead the Multi-District Litigation for the diabetes drug, Avandia, one of the largest mass-tort MDLs in the federal system, and more recently was appointed to lead the Zolof MDL. Judge Rufe also serves on the Third Circuit Court of Appeals Judicial Council Committee on Magistrate Judges. She represents her Court as a Director of the Federal Judges Association and a member of its Executive Committee. She is also a member of the National Association of Women Judges, the Historical Societies of the Third Circuit Court of Appeals and the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, the Temple American Inn of Court, and the Justinian Society. She served as President of the Temple American Inn of Court in 2008-2009, which was awarded the Circle of Excellence Distinction for that term by the American Inns of Court and continues to serve on its Executive Committee. Judge Rufe recently led a group of judges, attorneys and law professors on a legal tour to Rome, Italy as ambassadors of the Inns of Court to promote professional associations with the Italian Judiciary, in particular the Supreme Court of Italy, Parliament and legislators, the Italian Bar and academia. Judge Rufe and members of the tour also taught law classes at La Sapienza University. She has been a faculty member of the TIPS National Trial Academy, sponsored by the American Bar Association and the American Board of Trial Advocates, and regularly presents legal and ethics courses to litigation sections of the ABA, the Pennsylvania Bar Institute, state and local bar associations, as well as the Eastern District of Pennsylvania outreach programs. Judge Rufe most recently participated on panels addressing multi-district and complex litigation, class actions, civility, product liability, personal injury, patent, trademark and copyright law, electronic discovery, alternative dispute resolution, and employment law for national, state and/or local bar associations. Judge Rufe has also served on Eastern District Court committees, including the Public Interest, Jury, Criminal Business, Bankruptcy, Retreat and Education committees, and currently chairs the Court's Judicial Outreach and Public Relations Committee which presents numerous civics and legal educational programs to students, law schools, the Bar and the public. She received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science and Education from Adelphi University, New York and a Juris

Doctor degree from the State University of New York at Buffalo Law School. Prior to entering the legal profession, Judge Rufe taught high school social studies and American history in Bristol Borough, Pennsylvania.

Honorable Todd B. Seelig

Judge Seelig has served as a Workers' Compensation Judge for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania since 1996. He sits in the Philadelphia District. Judge Seelig is a member of the faculty of Villanova University School of Law, as an Adjunct Professor of Law, where he earned his J.D. He is the current co-editor of the treatise, Barbieri, *Pennsylvania Workers' Compensation*. In 2003, Judge Seelig was elected and served as the chair of the Pennsylvania Bar Association, YLD. He is a past member of the Board of Governors of the Pennsylvania Bar Association and a current member of the Pennsylvania Bar Association's Workers' Compensation Section Council. Judge Seelig is a Lifetime Fellow of the Pennsylvania Bar Foundation. He served as president of the Pennsylvania Workers' Compensation Judges Professional Association from 2003-2007. Judge Seelig is a former co-chair of the Philadelphia Bar Association Workers' Compensation Section. He is a past chair of the American Bar Association's Workers' Compensation and Employer's Liability Committee of the Tort Trial and Insurance Practice Section (TIPS). He currently serves on the editorial board of *The Brief* for TIPS.

Honorable Robert J. Shenkin

Judge Shenkin has been a judge on the Court of Common Pleas of Chester County, Pennsylvania, since 1990. Prior to becoming a judge, he was in private practice for 20 years with the firm of MacElree, Harvey, Gallagher & Featherman, Ltd. where he engaged in the general practice of law. Prior to that Judge Shenkin was law clerk to the Honorable Herbert S. Levin. Judge Shenkin was born in Philadelphia in 1944 and has lived in Chester County since 1972. He is a 1965 graduate of the University of Michigan and in 1970 received his J.D. with distinction from Duke University School of Law in 1970 where he won the American Jurisprudence Award in Jurisprudence and was a member of the National Moot Court Team. Judge Shenkin has completed the General Jurisdiction Course of the National Judicial College and other continuing judicial education courses from the Judicial Education Program of the AEI-Brookings Joint Center for Regulatory Studies. Judge Shenkin served on the Board of Supervisors of West Whiteland Township for over 11 years. He is a member of the Board of Directors of the Alan Ameche Memorial Foundation and a former member of the Board of Trustees of Delaware Valley Friends School, Paoli. He is a member of the Pennsylvania Conference of State Trial Judges and of the American, Pennsylvania, and Chester County Bar Associations. He served two terms as a member of the Board of Governors of the Pennsylvania Bar Association. Additionally, he has served on numerous national, state and local bar association committees. He formerly chaired the Pennsylvania Bar Association's Committee on Mandatory Continuing Legal Education and the Association's Municipal Law Section.

Honorable Correale F. Stevens

Superior Court President Judge Correale F. Stevens is a graduate of Penn State University and the Dickinson School of Law, where he served as associate editor of the *Dickinson Law Review*. Elected to the statewide appellate Superior Court in 1997, he is a former member of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives, District Attorney and trial judge. He was engaged in the private general practice of law, and served as Hazleton City Solicitor. He was named Outstanding Young Pennsylvanian by the state Jaycee organization and served on the executive board of the Wilkes-Barre Law and Library Association, as well as on the boards of numerous charitable organizations. President Judge Stevens regularly speaks for Continuing Legal Education seminars

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Honorable Allan L. Tereshko

Judge Tereshko sits on the Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas and currently supervises the Day Forward 2010 Program which has all of the Major Jury cases filed in 2010. Prior to this appointment he supervised various Day Forward Programs. In May 2007 Judge Tereshko was assigned Coordinating Judge of the Complex Litigation Center where he supervised eight civil trial judges and support staff for trial preparation and trial. He also supervised and coordinated all Major Non-Jury and Arbitration Appeals cases. Prior to his appointment to the Complex Litigation Center, Judge Tereshko served as Supervising Judge for the Domestic Relations Branch of the Court of Common Pleas, Family Court Division. Judge Tereshko has lectured for the Philadelphia and Pennsylvania bar associations as well as for the Pennsylvania Bar Institute. He received his B.A. from Temple University and his J.D. from the Temple University School of Law.

Honorable David N. Wecht

Judge Wecht has served on the Superior Court of Pennsylvania since January 2012. Judge Wecht was “Highly Recommended” by the Pennsylvania Bar Association, and was elected statewide to a ten year term in November 2011. The Superior Court of Pennsylvania is one of the busiest appellate courts in the United States of America. Judge Wecht served as a trial judge on the Court of Common Pleas for Pennsylvania’s Fifth Judicial District from February 2003 to January 2012. Over nearly nine years on the trial bench, Judge Wecht presided extensively in both the Civil and Family Divisions. From January 2009 to January 2011, Judge Wecht served by appointment of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania as Administrative Judge of the Family Division, which encompasses both domestic relations cases and cases of juvenile dependency and delinquency. As Administrative Judge, Judge Wecht designed and implemented several reforms and innovations, including the Unified Family Court, the local rule on parenting coordination, and improved conflict counsel appointments in juvenile cases. Prior to taking the bench, Judge Wecht was twice elected as Allegheny County’s Register of Wills and Clerk of Orphan’s Court. In that capacity, he pioneered innovations that included creation of a free will consultation program for seniors and authorship of a state law that prevents accused murderers from controlling their victims’ estates. Judge Wecht is a 1984 *Summa Cum Laude*, Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Yale, where he was a National Merit Scholar and earned Yale College Distinction in both history and political science. At The Yale Law School, Judge Wecht was selected as Notes Editor of *The Yale Law Journal*, and as an Editor of both the *Yale Law & Policy Review* and the *Yale Journal of International Law*. After graduating from The Yale Law School in 1987, Judge Wecht served as Law Clerk to U.S. Circuit Judge George MacKinnon on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit in Washington, D.C., and received the Award for Distinguished Service in that position. Judge Wecht then practiced law continuously with firms in Washington, D.C. and Pittsburgh until he took the bench in February 2003. A frequent lecturer and author, Judge Wecht currently serves as an Adjunct Professor at Duquesne University School of Law, an Adjunct Instructor at the Graduate School of Public and International Affairs at the University of Pittsburgh, and a Fellow of the Allegheny County Bar Foundation. He is a former member of the Executive Committee of the Pennsylvania Conference of State Trial Judges. He has served on a number of civic and community boards, including the Pennsylvania Supreme Court’s Domestic Relations Procedural Rules Committee, the Law Enforcement Advisory Committee of the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency, the Criminal Justice Advisory Committee of the Community College of Allegheny County, the Juvenile Court Judges Commission, the Amen Corner, and others.

Honorable John M. Younge

Judge Younge, a native Philadelphian, was elected to a ten year term on the Court of Common Pleas in 1995 and was re-elected in 2005. Raised in the southwest section of the city, he is a product of the Philadelphia Public School system and a member of the 232nd graduating class of Central High School in 1973. Judge Younge earned a degree in Business Administration from Boston University in 1977 and in 1981. He received his Juris Doctor Degree from the prestigious Howard University School of Law. His previous employment was Deputy Executive Director and General Counsel, Redevelopment Authority of Philadelphia (1985 to 1995), Attorney and Counselor at Law (1982 to 1985), and he also had his own community based, private law practice. He continues to teach legal education for judges and lawyers and is an adjunct professor at the Delaware County Community College. His Civic / Church involvements are Chairman, Board of Directors of the West Philadelphia Community Mental Health Consortium; Chairman, Board of Directors of New Life Credit Union; Board Member of the Central High School Alumni; Member of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Mu Omega Chapter; Co-Chairman, Board of Finance of the Deacons Board of Sharon Baptist Church; & Board Member of the Cobbs' Creek Community Environmental Education Center. His professional involvements are Member, PA Conference of State Trial Judges; Member, Clifford Scott Green Chapter, NBA Judicial Council; Member, Pennsylvania Bar Association, House of Delegates; Member, Philadelphia Bar Association. He received his Masters of Judicial Studies degree from the University of Nevada, Reno in August, 2011.

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James D. Schultz, Esquire

Mr. Schultz is the General Counsel to Governor Tom Corbett, overseeing nearly 500 lawyers at the Office of General Counsel. In addition to providing legal advice to the Governor, Mr. Schultz is responsible for providing legal counsel to the Governor's Executive Staff and Cabinet Officials. Prior to being appointed General Counsel, Mr. Schultz served as First Executive Deputy General Counsel. In that role, Mr. Schultz was responsible for overseeing the operation and management of the Office of General Counsel Executive Office and the Offices of Chief Counsel. An experienced litigator, Mr. Schultz has spent the majority of his career to date handling complex litigation matters throughout the United States in both state and federal courts, most recently as Of Counsel with the Cozen O'Connor law firm in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He earned his undergraduate degree from Temple University and was also a member of the Temple Owls football team. He earned his law degree from the Widener University School of Law.

Laurence Z. Shiekman, Esquire

Mr. Shiekman is a senior partner with Pepper Hamilton LLP. He is an experienced complex, commercial trial lawyer who has spent a substantial amount of time on antitrust, intellectual

property, securities and general commercial matters. Mr. Shiekman has long been active in firm leadership. He currently chairs Pepper's Finance Committee and was co-chair of the firm's Litigation and Dispute Resolution Department for over three years. He also was a member of the firm's Executive Committee for six years and chair of the firm's Commercial Litigation Practice Group for more than five years. Mr. Shiekman has litigated and tried cases for a variety of industries. Mr. Shiekman has spoken at the National CLE Conference on eDiscovery and Social Media and class action litigation, both in the antitrust and ERISA areas. He also has participated in several NITA-type programs teaching trial skills to fellow attorneys and served for four years as an adjunct professor on the faculty of the University of Pennsylvania Law School, where he taught trial advocacy. Mr. Shiekman is listed in *The Best Lawyers in America* (2006-2012) and *Who's Who in American Law* (2005-2010), is highly rated in *Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business* (2005-2012), and was selected for inclusion on the 2012 *Pennsylvania Super Lawyers* list. Mr. Shiekman joined Pepper in 1975 and became a partner in 1978. He joined the firm following a two-year judicial clerkship with the Honorable A. Leon Higginbotham, Jr., and two years teaching law school at Florida State University College of Law. He earned his undergraduate and law degrees from the University of Pennsylvania, graduating *cum laude*.

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Mr. Sklaroff is a partner in the Real Estate Department of Ballard Spahr, LLP, and is resident in its Philadelphia office. He is a member of its Construction, Eminent Domain, Real Estate Development, Planned Communities and Condominiums, Zoning and Land Use, Higher Education and Communications Groups. Mr. Sklaroff represents the developers of many of the region's high-rise residential condominium projects, museums, hospitals, universities, science centers, telecommunications providers and retailers. He serves as solicitor for the Zoning Hearing Board of Cheltenham Township and the Borough of Jenkintown. He has been recognized as a leading zoning and land use attorney in the 2007-2011 editions of *Chambers USA: America's Leading Business Attorneys*. Mr. Sklaroff advised on land use and condominium matters for 10 Rittenhouse Square, named by the *Philadelphia Business Journal* as one of 2010's Best Real Estate Deals in the category of "Best Residential Project/Urban." Best Lawyers® honored him as the Philadelphia Land Use and Zoning Lawyer of the Year for 2012. Reported recent land use cases of note include *Turchi v. Philadelphia Board of License and Inspection Review*, 20 A.3 586 (Pa. Cmwlth. 2011) and *Berger and Montague P.C. v. Board of License and Inspection Review*, 898 A.2d 1 (Pa. Cmwlth. 2006). Mr. Sklaroff received his B.A. degree from Emory University and his J.D. from Temple University School of Law. He is admitted to the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania and the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit.

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Mr. Sonnenfeld is a partner in the Philadelphia office of the law firm of Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP, where he heads the Securities Litigation Practice. He is a fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers (a prestigious organization limited to the top 1% of lawyers nationally) and has been named one of Philadelphia's top business litigators in *The Best Lawyers in America* since 1995. Most recently, *The Best Lawyers* named Mr. Sonnenfeld Philadelphia Litigation-Securities Lawyer of the Year for 2013. He also is included in the *Chambers USA: America's Leading Business Lawyers* directory and was selected by *Philadelphia magazine* as one of the 100 Pennsylvania Super Lawyers. Mr. Sonnenfeld's practice focuses on defending securities and shareholder litigation and related regulatory and enforcement proceeding, as well as counseling directors and officers on corporate governance issues. He has successfully defended shareholder class and derivative actions against public and private corporations, controlling shareholders, directors and

officers, and underwriters arising under federal and state law. Mr. Sonnenfeld was on the faculty for the Practising Law Institute's annual securities litigation seminar in New York from 2001 to 2004. He has served as chair of the Philadelphia Bar Association's board of governors and co-chair of its Business Court Task Force, which developed the Commerce Case Program of the Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas. Mr. Sonnenfeld is a 1968 graduate of Swarthmore College and a 1971 graduate of Harvard Law School. In 1972, he served as law clerk to Judge Joseph S. Lord, III, then Chief Judge of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. Mr. Sonnenfeld has served on the board of managers of Swarthmore College, where he has chaired the Audit Committee, and on the national board of trustees of the American Inns of Court Foundation.

Denise C. Spadaccini, Esquire

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Zack Stalberg

Mr. Stalberg was named President and Chief Executive Officer of the Committee of Seventy in February, 2005. He broadened its mission, brought new life to the organization and is using it to make Philadelphia's political culture more open, honest, competent and competitive. He is intimately familiar with the worlds of government, politics, business and the news media. Mr. Stalberg is a native Philadelphian who spent the first 35 years of his career in journalism. He took a single day off and then assumed command of the Committee of Seventy, which is often – though simplistically – described as a government watchdog.

Joseph A. Sullivan, Esquire

Mr. Sullivan, an experienced litigator and pro bono attorney, is Special Counsel and Director of Pro Bono Programs at Pepper Hamilton LLP, Philadelphia. He manages the firm-wide pro bono programs. Mr. Sullivan supervises and coordinates all aspects of the delivery of pro bono legal services, including the internal reach and effectiveness of the programs, as well as outreach to bar associations, public interest law firms, business entities and community organizations. He also actively participates in pro bono engagements. Mr. Sullivan serves on the boards of the Pennsylvania Innocence Project, Community Legal Services, the Homeless Advocacy Project (ex officio and as past president) and Inn Dwelling (a community development organization for which he is board chairman), and is active in a number of other organizations, including the Philadelphia Volunteers for the Indigent Program. Mr. Sullivan is co-chair of the Philadelphia Bar Association's Delivery of Legal Services Committee and the Civil Gideon Task Force. He is a recipient of the Philadelphia Bar Association's Wachovia Fidelity Award, which is presented annually to an individual who has made significant contributions to improving the administration of justice through voluntary activities rather than services rendered as a paid professional. Mr. Sullivan also is a recipient of the Pennsylvania Bar Association's Louis J. Goffman Award (the highest honor for pro bono service) and its Pro Bono Award for Philadelphia County. He is a board member of Friends of Farmworkers (statewide non-profit law center that represents farm workers and other seasonal workers.) Mr. Sullivan is admitted to practice in Pennsylvania. He received his B.A. from Columbia University and his J.D. from Columbia Law School.

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Mr. Szostak is a member of Rubin, Glickman, Steinberg and Gifford (rts@rgsglaw.com and www.rgsglaw.com). He concentrates his practice in the area of Civil Litigation. For 25 years, he has represented victims of catastrophic injury and death. Mr. Szostak handles medical negligence, product liability, insurance bad faith, fraud, defamation, and other major personal injury cases involving motor vehicles, amusement parks, construction accidents and premises liability. Mr. Szostak has been trial or co-trial counsel in more than thirty-five jury trials, with many million dollar resolutions. He has also handled numerous appellate matters in Pennsylvania and New Jersey. Mr. Szostak received his B.A. from Brown University in 1976, and his law degree from the Widener University School of Law in 1982, where he wrote for the law review. He was law clerk to Pennsylvania Superior Court President Judge Emeritus Stephen J. McEwen, Jr. Mr. Szostak is admitted to practice in Pennsylvania and New Jersey and in the District Courts for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania and the District of New Jersey, and he is also admitted to practice before the United States Supreme Court. He often serves as faculty for the Pennsylvania Bar Institute and trial attorney associations in his practice areas with emphasis on issues related to complex catastrophic injury and medical malpractice litigation. Mr. Szostak is an active member of the Philadelphia Bar Association where he is Co-Chair of the State Civil Litigation Section, and was a Section Executive Officer and Chairman of the Rules and Procedure Committee and the Medical-Legal Committee for several years. He also serves the Montgomery County Bar Association.

Dawn M. Tancredi, Esquire

Ms. Tancredi is a shareholder at Mattioni, Ltd. where her practice focuses on zoning and land use, and real estate and business matters. She is Co-Chair of the Zoning, Land Use and Code Enforcement Committee of the Philadelphia Bar Association Real Property Section, and was involved in reviewing drafts of the code and making recommendations on changes that were finally passed by City Council on December 15, 2011. Ms. Tancredi is also accredited by the U.S. Green Building Council as a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Green Associate, or LEED GA®, which certifies her as having knowledge about Green Building requirements and practices, some of which have been incorporated in the new code. She is also a member of the Queen Village Neighbors Association Zoning Committee. Ms. Tancredi graduated from St. Joseph's University and the Temple University Beasley School of Law, where she was Note/Comment Editor of *The Temple Political and Civil Rights Law Review*. She has lectured on zoning and land use law, and has written articles about various real estate issues that have been published.

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Mr. Taub is a staff attorney and director of the Veterans' Project at the Homeless Advocacy Project (HAP). He represents veterans on a wide range of civil legal matters, but his focus is on representing homeless veterans on their claims/appeals for VA benefits. For his work, Mr. Taub has been recognized by the *Philadelphia Inquirer*, *Readers Digest*, and local news organizations. He teaches CLEs to private bar attorneys interested in representing veterans on VA benefit claims, and has trained lawyers in Boston, New York City, Newark, Baltimore, Raleigh, and Atlanta. Mr. Taub also actively supervises pro bono attorneys handling VA benefits cases in Philadelphia. He graduated from Northwestern University *with Honors* and Villanova Law School, *magna cum laude*.

Sherry S. Thomas, Esquire

Ms. Thomas began work with Legal Clinic for the Disabled (LCD) as a Conwell Legal Fellow in January 2011. Before coming to LCD, Sherry worked with the Greater Philadelphia Coalition Against Hunger and Women's Law Project as a member of Temple Beasley School of Law's Public Interest Honor Society. As a staff attorney, Ms. Thomas handles a wide range of issues, including assisting clients with planning documents, obtaining guardianships and various domestic relations matters. She serves as a board member of the South Asian Bar Association in Philadelphia and a liaison to the Young Lawyers Division of the Philadelphia Bar Association. Ms. Thomas completed her undergraduate degree in International Relations at the University of Pennsylvania.

David K. Trevaskis, Esquire

Mr. Trevaskis is an attorney and former third grade teacher with a Master's Degree in Education. He is the Pro Bono Coordinator for Legal Services for the Pennsylvania Bar Association (PBA), responsible for assisting local bar associations, legal services programs, military and veteran organizations and other groups to offer pro bono legal services across the Commonwealth. Mr. Trevaskis coordinates the PBA's pro bono placement efforts, which includes an active Legal Assistance for Military Personnel program, using the PALawHelp.org and PApobono.net technologies to expand the resources for the neediest among us. He runs the PBA's Pro Bono Office and the wide range of that work is viewable at <http://www.pabar.org/public/probono/probonohome.asp>. Mr. Trevaskis is a frequent presenter across Pennsylvania on civil legal aid, military and veterans' legal matters and pro bono issues. Mr. Trevaskis is also recognized as a national expert in public education about the law. He is the recipient of the 1996 Philadelphia Bar Association's Leon J. Obermayer Education Award, a 2000 President's Award from the Pennsylvania Bar Association for the Project PEACE anti-violence

program he developed and still coordinates, the Philadelphia Bar Association's Young Lawyer Division's 2002 F. Sean Peretta Service Award, and a 2004 Chester County Bar Association President's Award. In 2006, Mr. Trevaskis was the second recipient of the Compass Award, which was first given to United States Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor. During that same year, he received the President's Citation from the Indiana Bar Association and the LEAP-Kids Lifetime Achievement and Mentor Award. In 2007, Mr. Trevaskis received the President's Award from the Delaware County Bar. He was one of ten inaugural Gavel Award winners from Community College of Philadelphia in 2009. He earned Pro Bono Supervisor of the Year recognition from the University of Pennsylvania Law School in 2010, 2011 and 2012 for his work with the Black Law Student Association's Project PEACE outreach and he was honored by Community College of Philadelphia in 2011 and 2012 for his work with Wills for Heroes.

Stella Tsai, Esquire

Ms. Tsai is a business litigation partner at the Philadelphia office of Archer & Greiner, P.C. with a practice concentrating in ethics and compliance and government affairs. Ms. Tsai served as Chair of Civic Engagement of the Philadelphia's Zoning Code Commission, which was formed to help reshape the City's ability to facilitate sustainable growth. Ms. Tsai is a member of the Firm's International Practice Group and focuses her practice on, among other things, emerging opportunities for Chinese inbound and outbound investment. Ms. Tsai re-entered private practice after serving as Chair of Administrative Law at the City of Philadelphia Law Department from 2000-2003. At the City, Ms. Tsai managed 45 attorneys who represent and counsel the Department of Human Services, the Department of Public Health, the County Office of Mental Health and Mental Retardation and the Office of Emergency Shelter Services in various court and administrative proceedings and transactions. She also acted as the Law Department's liaison to the City's Social Service agencies. She is the immediate past President of the Asian Pacific Bar Association of Pennsylvania, a Board member of the Family Planning Council, and the Chair of the Philadelphia Bar Association's Diversity in the Profession Committee. Ms. Tsai is admitted to practice in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and the Supreme Court of the United States.

David D. Wasson, III

Mr. Wasson has served as the Chief Deputy Court Administrator of the First Judicial District of Pennsylvania since January 7, 2008. Prior to his appointment as Chief Deputy Court Administrator, he served as Deputy Court Administrator of the Trial Division—Criminal of the Court of Common Pleas. Prior to his appointment as Deputy Court Administrator, Mr. Wasson served eight years in the Philadelphia District Attorney's Office. Additionally, his background includes the private practice of law and management positions in the private business sector. He served as a Major in the Judge Advocate General Corps of the U.S. Army Reserves with varying supervisory and administrative responsibilities. Mr. Wasson is a graduate of Central High School, Temple University undergraduate and Law Schools and Eastern University's MBA program.

Eric H. Weitz, Esquire

Mr. Weitz, a trial attorney with Messa & Associates PC, admitted to practice in Pennsylvania and New Jersey, concentrates his practice upon representing individuals in a wide variety of complex trial matters, including those who have suffered traumatic brain injuries and other catastrophic injuries arising out of medical negligence, automobile and trucking accidents, construction accidents, civil rights violations and defective premises. Mr. Weitz's practice also focuses on representing individuals and companies in commercial disputes such as insurance bad faith claims, commercial disputes and representing healthcare providers in various managed care disputes with insurance carriers. He has litigated hundreds of cases on behalf of individuals and

healthcare providers against insurance companies. These disputes range from improper claims denials, unjustified medical decision making by insurance companies, medical necessity disputes and complex coverage disputes. Mr. Weitz has successfully litigated dozens of personal injury cases for his clients, including a \$28.75 million verdict for a foster child that was rendered a paraplegic in a motor vehicle accident and an \$8.6 million verdict for the family of a child who suffered severe brain damage because her delivery was inexplicably delayed. Mr. Weitz is an active member in many national and local organizations. As a member of the American Association for Justice, Mr. Weitz served as the Coordinator and Co-Host of the regional 1998 National Mock Trial Competition. He serves on the Pennsylvania Association for Justice Board of Governors. Mr. Weitz is also an active member of the American Trial Lawyers Association – New Jersey and Philadelphia Trial Lawyers Association, where he serves as a board member. Throughout his membership in the Philadelphia Bar Association, Mr. Weitz chaired the Compulsory Arbitration Committee and was elected to the Young Lawyers Division Executive Committee where he served as Secretary. Other legal association activities include his being an invited participant in the Temple American Inn of Court and membership in the Philadelphia Lawyer’s Club. He is a Fellow of the Academy of Advocacy. For five consecutive years, Mr. Weitz has been named a Pennsylvania Super Lawyer by *Law & Politics magazine* and *Philadelphia Magazine*, including Top 100 Pennsylvania and Top 100 Philadelphia for 2011. He received his undergraduate degree from the S. I. Newhouse School of Public Communications at Syracuse University where he was awarded a Bachelor of Science, *cum laude*, in Television, Radio and Film Management. Mr. Weitz was the recipient of the Robert Costas Scholarship for Excellence in Broadcast Writing. He received his J.D., *cum laude*, from the Villanova University School of Law. As a finalist in the Theodore L. Reimel Moot Court Competition, Mr. Weitz was appointed as a school representative to the National Moot Court Competition and named a Moot Court Board Member.

Kathleen D. Wilkinson, Esquire

Ms. Wilkinson is a Partner in the Philadelphia office of Wilson, Elser, Moskowitz, Edelman & Dicker LLP. With the firm since 1984, she has served on both the Equity Partner and Associate Focus Committees. Ms. Wilkinson handles complex cases such as products, insurance, construction, premises, brokers, professionals, and professional liability. Ms. Wilkinson is Chancellor-Elect of the Philadelphia Bar Association, past Secretary of the Philadelphia Bar Association, past Assistant Secretary of the Association, past co-chair of the State Civil Litigation Section, past co-chair of the Ruth Bader Ginsburg Essay Competition, past co-chair of the Rules Committee, and past co-chair of the Women in the Profession Committee. She was elected to the Board of Governors and served on the Board from 2001-03. Ms. Wilkinson was given the Anne X. Alpern award by the Pennsylvania Bar Association Women in the Profession Committee in June 2008. This award is presented to a woman attorney who has had a significant professional impact in Pennsylvania, has demonstrated leadership in her profession and community, who has participated in mentoring activities, and who has engaged in significant activities on behalf of women in the profession. Ms. Wilkinson was also named as a 2007-2008 Woman of the Year by the Legal Intelligencer and Pennsylvania Law Weekly for her leadership as a woman attorney in the Pennsylvania legal community. Ms. Wilkinson was appointed by the Governor to serve on the Interbranch Commission on Gender, Racial and Ethnic Fairness and is in her second term. She was appointed by the Pennsylvania Supreme Court to the Rules of Evidence Committee. Ms. Wilkinson was President of the Villanova Law School Inn of Court, from 2004-06. Ms. Wilkinson is a member of the Pennsylvania Bar Association House of Delegates, past co-chair of the PBA Commission on Women in the Profession, past member of the PBA Executive Council of the Civil Litigation Section, and past co-chair of the PBA Mid-Year meeting in 2007. She received a leadership award from the PBA in 2006. She is a graduate of Kean University, where she received

her B. A. *summa cum laude*, in Political Science and Secondary Education, and Villanova University School of Law, where she was a member of the *Law Review*. In 2009, she was named a Kean University Woman of Distinction and in 2010 she was named Alumni of the Year by Kean University. Ms. Wilkinson is a frequent speaker and has conducted many CLE programs including in areas of civil litigation

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Sara Woods, Esquire

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Kay K. Yu, Esquire

Ms. Yu is the first Asian American to serve as Chairperson of the Philadelphia Commission on Human Relations. She was appointed to serve as a Commissioner by Mayor Michael A. Nutter in

July 2008 and then named as the Chairperson in March 2009. The Commission reached two major milestones in March 2011. First, the Commission released its report, “Widening the Circle of Our Concern: Public Perceptions of the School District of Philadelphia’s Response to Intergroup Conflicts.” Second, landmark legislation was passed completely overhauling and expanding the protections of and remedies under the Fair Practices Ordinance, the civil rights law of Philadelphia enforced by the Commission. In 2012, the Commission was designated as the agency to enforce the requirements of Ban the Box, the City’s law that limits employers’ ability to inquire into the criminal records of potential employees. Born in Seoul, Korea, Ms. Yu moved to the States when she was a small child and grew up in Seattle. A graduate of Columbia College and the Georgetown University Law Center, she began practicing law in Connecticut in 1993. In 1999, Ms. Yu moved to Philadelphia. While in private practice until August 2010, she focused on ERISA and employment litigation. *The Legal Intelligencer* named her one of Pennsylvania’s Diversity Attorneys of the Year in 2009 and a Woman of Distinction in 2010. In 2008, Ms. Yu was President of the Asian Pacific American Bar Association of Pennsylvania. Currently, she serves on the Board of Governors of the Philadelphia Bar Association.