

# *United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit*

*18 Judges; Appointed for Life  
Composed of: Delaware, New Jersey,  
Pennsylvania and the Virgin Islands*

The Circuit Courts have their name because early in the nation's history, the judges of the first courts of appeals visited each of the courts in one region in a particular sequence, traveling by horseback and riding "circuit." These courts of appeals review matters from the district courts of their geographical regions in the U.S. and from certain federal administrative agencies. A disappointed party in a district court usually has the right to have the case reviewed in the court of appeals for the circuit.

The judges who sit on the courts of appeals are appointed for life by the President with the advice and consent of the Senate. The judge who has served on the court the longest and who is under 65 years of age is designated as the chief judge, and performs administrative duties in addition to hearing cases. The chief judge serves for a maximum term of seven years.



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**United States Court of Appeals Miscellaneous Fee Schedule**

Effective: December 1, 2014

(Issued in accordance with 28 U.S.C. §1913)

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**THIRD CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEALS**

**MISCELLANEOUS FEE SCHEDULE 28 U.S.C.**

**§1913**

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**Thomas L. Ambro**

U.S. Court of Appeals Judge

**United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit**

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**Appointed**

**Term Ends: Lifetime**

**Judicial Staff**

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**Maryanne Trump Barry**

U.S. Court of Maryanne Trump Barry

**Senior U.S. Court of Appeals Senior Judge**

United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit  
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**Appointed**

**First Appointed: 1999**

**Term Ends: Lifetime**

**Educational Background**

Mount Holyoke College, B.A., 1958  
Columbia University, M.A., 1962  
Hofstra University School of Law, J.D., 1974

**Employment History**

U.S. District Court, District of New Jersey, 1983-1999  
U.S. Attorney's Office, Newark, New Jersey, First Assistant U.S. Attorney, 1981-1983  
Executive Assistant U.S. Attorney, 1981-1982  
Chief, Appeals Division, 1977-1982

Deputy Chief, Appeals Division, 1976-1977  
Assistant U.S. Attorney, Civil Division, 1974-1975  
Attorney, 1974-1983

**Michael A. Chagares**

U.S. Court of Appeals Judge

**United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit**

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**Robert E. Cowen**

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**United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit**

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**Judicial Staff**

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**Educational Background**

Drake University, BS, 1952  
Rutgers University, LLB, 1958

**Employment History**

United States District Court for the District of New Jersey, District Judge, 1985-1987  
United States District Court for the District of New Jersey, Magistrate Judge, 1978-1985  
State of New Jersey, Deputy Attorney General, Organized Crime and Special Prosecutions Section, 1970-1973  
Essex County, Assistant Prosecutor, 1969-1970  
Private Practice, 1961-1969  
Schreiber, Lancaster & Demos, Associate, 1959-1961  
Honorable Walkter Conklin, New Jersey Superior Court, Law Clerk, 1958-1959

**Professional Memberships**

American Bar Association, Fellow; Federal Judges' Association; National Association of Bar Counsel; New Jersey State Bar Association

**D. Michael Fisher**

Senior U.S. Court of Appeals Judge

**United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit**

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**Political Party: Republican**

**Appointed**

**First Appointed: 2003**

**Term Ends: Lifetime**

**Judicial Staff**

Kelly Lamantia, Judicial Assistant

**Educational Background**

Georgetown University, 1966

Georgetown University Law Center, 1969

**Employment History**

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Attorney General, 1997-2003

Pennsylvania Senate, Member, 1980-1996

Houston Harbaugh, Shareholder, 1984-1997

Pennsylvania House of Representatives, Member, 1974-1980

Private Practice, Attorney, 1970-1984

Allegheny County, Assistant District Attorney, 1970-1974

**Professional Memberships**

PA Bar Association; Federal Judges Association; Allegheny County Bar Association; Federal Bar Association

**Associations and Activities**

University of Pittsburgh, Emeritus Trustee; University of Pittsburgh School of Law, Adjunct Professor; Senator John Heinz History Center, Board Member

**Special Rules on Decorum**

*Do you have any special rules governing courtroom decorum (e.g., addressing the court, dealing with opposing counsel and witnesses, proper attire, etc?)*

When I try a case for the District Court, we adopt the proceedings of the judge initially assigned.

**Motion Practice:**

*Describe motions practice in your court. Are there any local practices that attorneys should be aware of?*

When I try a case, for the District Court, I adopt the procedures of the judge initially assigned.

**Julio M. Fuentes**

U.S. Court of Appeals Senior Judge

**United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit**

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**Appointed**

**First Appointed: 2000**

**Term Ends: Lifetime**

**Educational Background**

Southern Illinois University, B.A., 1971

New York University, M.A., 1972

Rutgers University, M.A., 1993

S.U.N.Y. at Buffalo, J.D., 1975

**Employment History**

New Jersey Superior Court, Judge, 1987-2000

Newark Municipal Court, NJ, Judge, 1979-1987

Private Practice, 1975-1981

**Joseph A. Greenaway Jr.**

**United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit**

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**Appointed**

**First Appointed: 1996, 2010**

**Educational Background**

Columbia, BA, 1978

Harvard, JD, 1981

**Employment History**

Kramer, Levin, Nessen, Kamin and Frankel, Associate US District Court for the Southern District of NY, Clerk

United States Attorney's Office for District of NJ, Chief of the Narcotics Bureau

Johnson & Johnson, In-House Counsel

**Professional Memberships**

Columbia University Board of Trustees; Chair Emeritus of the Columbia College Black Alumni Council;

American, National, and Garden State Bar Associations;

Adjunct Professor at Cardozo School of Law

**Associations and Activities**

Columbia University Medal of Excellence; Garden State Bar Association's Distinguished Jurist Award;

Columbia College's John Jay Award; Thurgood Marshall College Fund Award of Excellence; Roger M.

Yancey Award; Scales of Justice Award of Excellence from the Caribbean Bar Association of NJ; Leaders

and Legends Award from the YMWCA of Newark; Trailblazer Award; NJ Corporate Counsel Association's

Distinguished Service Award; Federal Bar Association; William J. Brennan Award

**Morton I. Greenberg**

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**United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit**

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**Appointed**

**First Appointed: 1987**

**Term Ends: Lifetime**

**Educational Background**

University of Pennsylvania, AB, 1954

Yale University, JD, 1957

**Employment History**

New Jersey Superior Court, Judge, 1973-1987

Assistant State Attorney General, New Jersey, 1971-1973

First Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, Cape May, New Jersey, 1971

County Attorney, Cape May, New Jersey, 1970-1971

Private Practice, 1960-1971

Deputy State Attorney General, New Jersey, 1958-1960

Office of the State Attorney General of New Jersey,

Law Clerk, 1957-1958

**Professional Memberships**

NJ Bar Association; Mercer County and Princeton NJ Bar Examination

**Thomas M. Hardiman**

U.S. Court of Appeals Judge

**United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit**

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**Judicial Staff**

Ryan McCartney, Law Clerk  
Jason Marsi, Law Clerk  
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Alexander Kaitikos, Law Clerk

**Educational Background**

University of Notre Dame, B.A., 1987  
Georgetown School of Law, J.D., 1990

**Employment History**

Reed Smith, Partner  
Titus & McConomy, Partner  
Cindrich & Titus, Associate  
Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP, Associate

**Professional Memberships**

Federal Judges Association; Inns of Court; Academy of Trial Lawyers; American Judicature Society

**Associations and Activities**

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Pittsburgh

**Kent A. Jordan**

U.S. Court of Appeals Judge

**United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit**

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**Appointed**

**First Appointed: 2014**

**Term Ends: Lifetime**

**Educational Background**

University of Pennsylvania, B.A., 1989  
Stanford Law School, J.D., 1993

**Theodore A. McKee**

U.S. Court of Appeals Chief Judge

**United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit**

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**Appointed**

**First Appointed: 1994**

**Term Ends: Lifetime**

**Judicial Staff**

James Robinson, Career Law Clerk  
Yvette Childs, Judicial Assistant

**Educational Background**

State University of New York at Cortland, BA, 1969  
Syracuse University, JD, 1975

**Employment History**

Court of Common Pleas, First Judicial District, Judge, 1984-1994  
Philadelphia Parking Authority, General Counsel, 1983  
Rutgers Law School, Lecturer, 1980-1991  
City of Philadelphia, Deputy City Solicitor, 1980-1983  
Eastern District of Pennsylvania, Assistant U.S. Attorney, 1977-1980  
Wolf, Block, Schorr & Solis-Cohen, Associate, 1975-1977

**Professional Memberships**

American Bar Association; Barristers' Association of Philadelphia; National Bar Association; Temple Inn of Court; Philadelphia Bar Association

**Richard L. Nygaard**

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**Political Party: Independent**

**Appointed**

**First Appointed: 1988**

**Term Ends: Lifetime**

**Judicial Staff**

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Scott Stroupe, Esq., Clerk  
Judy M. Pullet, Judicial Assistant

**Educational Background**

University of Southern California, B.S., 1969  
University of Michigan, J.D., 1971



**Employment History**

Court of Common Pleas Sixth District of PA, Judge, 1981-1988  
 Orton, Nygaard & Dunleavy, Associate, 1972-1980  
 US Naval Reserve, 1958-1964  
 Los Angeles CO. Fire Department, 1963-1969

**Professional Memberships**

Erie County Bar Association; Pennsylvania Bar Association

**Associations and Activities**

NAACP, Life Member

**Marjorie O. Rendell**

U.S. Court of Appeals Senior Judge

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**Appointed**

**First Appointed: 1997**

**Term Ends: Lifetime**

**Judicial Staff**

Jo Ann Van Heest, Judicial Secretary

**Educational Background**

University of Pennsylvania, B.A., 1969  
 Villanova University School of Law, J.D., 1973

**Employment History**

U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Pennsylvania, Judge, 1994-1997  
 Duane, Morris & Heckscher, Associate and Partner, 1973-1994

**Professional Memberships**

Member, Third Circuit Judicial Council Executive Committee; Member, American Bankruptcy Institute; Elected Member, The American Law Institute; Member, National Association of Women Judges; Inaugural Member and Master, Villanova University School of Law J. Willard O'Brien Inn of Court; Member, Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation; Member, American Judicature Society; Member, Federal Judges Association; Fellow, American College of Bankruptcy

**Associations and Activities**

Member, Board of Overseers, University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing; Rendell Center for Citizenship & Civics; Founding Member, Trustees Council of Penn Women; Executive Committee/Director, Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts

**L. Felipe Restrepo**

Circuit Judge

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**First Appointed: 1991**

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Dana Moore, Judicial Assistant (267) 299-4052

**Educational Background**

Smith College, BA, 1956  
 Harvard University, LL.B cum laude, 1965

**Employment History**

Richard, Layton & Finger (Wilmington DE), Partner, 1973-1985  
 Richard, Layton & Finger (Wilmington DE), Associate, 1965-1973

**Professional Memberships**

American Bar Association

**Suggestions to Lawyers**

*Any suggestions, admonitions or recommendations you would make to lawyers appearing before you?*

On Briefs:

“The brief is extremely important. That is particularly true before the Third Circuit because we don’t hear oral argument in every case that is appealed, and it’s important that the briefs really outline the issues so that in deciding if we are going to call for oral argument we really understand the significance of the case.”

In cases not determined by binding Supreme Court precedent, Roth said “precedent that isn’t binding can be persuasive, [for example], precedent from other circuits and state courts.”

She also looks for “reference to law review articles . . . and then just an explanation of why it’s sensible and logical [and] beneficial to society as a whole to decide a case [in favor of the attorney’s position]. I think legislative history can be significant, too. I am not of the [U.S. Supreme Court Justice Antonin] Scalia school that it should be shunned by all means. I think you have got to understand what legislative history is and how it’s made up in order to draw the appropriate conclusions. So I think it can be helpful.

“The thing that bothers me the most is trying to hide an issue. Almost inevitably, you figure out what it is and that detracts very strongly from the credibility of the attorney who is making the argument. If you’ve got a problem with your case, acknowledge it, set it out and then persuade the court that it should still decide in your favor rather than try to hide it under the carpet.”

On Arguments:

“Because we don’t have oral argument in every case, we don’t want to hear a recitation of what the case is all about. Every judge has read all the briefs. We know what’s in the briefs, we know what the facts are. We’re having argument to try to explore beyond what’s in the briefs. “If an attorney wants to avoid questions, [she or he should] think about what areas the court may want to further explore and start with the statement of the most important issue and why it is the most significant. “An attorney arguing an appeal has to be ready to listen to the questions, to answer the questions and to leave the formal structure of any prepared argument and talk with the panel of judges about what the issues are.” Roth said she is proactive in asking questions, ready to jump in at the beginning of the argument. “Sometimes a question is to help them rather than to hurt them. Listen to the question carefully, because sometimes a [question is asked] to strengthen a point that an advocate is making.” Roth said that, in addition to asking questions to satisfy her own concerns, she may ask questions that will move her fellow panelists to consider areas she considers important. “Don’t duck the question.” In fighting the premise of a question, the best tactic, in Roth’s opinion, is to first answer the direct inquiry, then to suggest a “more pragmatic, logical, helpful way to look at the issue.” “Take the court beyond the question to [the attorney’s] viewpoint of the issue involved. Don’t say ‘Your honor, I’m going to come to that in a minute, so wait.’ Deal with it right away.” (Portions of this interview are excerpts from an In Chambers article published in the Pennsylvania Law Weekly on April 25, 1994)

**Anthony J. Scirica**

U.S. Court of Appeals Senior Judge

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**First Appointed: 1987**

**Term Ends: Lifetime**

**Educational Background**

Wesleyan University, B.A., 1962  
University of Michigan, J.D., 1965

**Employment History**

U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Pennsylvania, Judge, 1984-1987  
Court of Common Pleas, Montgomery County, Judge, 1980-1984  
Pennsylvania State Representative, 1971-1979  
Montgomery County, Assistant District Attorney, 1967-1969  
McGrory, Scirica, Wentz & Fernandez, Partner, 1966-1979

**Professional Memberships**

Montgomery County Bar Association; Pennsylvania Bar Association; Pennsylvania Conference of Trial Judges

**Patty Shwartz**

Circuit Judge

**United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit**

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**Dolores K. Sloviter**

U.S. Court of Appeals Senior Judge

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**Appointed**

**Term Ends: Lifetime**

**Judicial Staff**

Mary Lou Kanz, Secretary  
Martha G. Verna, Secretary

**Educational Background**

Temple University, BA, Economics, With Distinction, 1953  
University of Pennsylvania, LLB, magna cum laude, 1956

**Employment History**

Temple University, Professor of Law, 1972-1979  
Harold E. Kohn, Attorney, 1969-1972  
Dilworth, Paxson, Kalish, Kohn & Levy, Partner, 1956-1969

**Professional Memberships**

American Bar Association; American Law Institute; Federal Bar Association; Philadelphia Bar Association; Federal Judges’ Association; National Association of Women Judges; American Judicature Society

**Associations and Activities**

National Constitution Center, Board of Directors

**Special Practices or Procedures**

*Are there any special practices or procedures lawyers appearing before you should know about?*

On Briefs:

“First, I look at the issue statement. I also check whether the issue has been preserved for appeal. Then, I may start [to analyze the issue] with the District Court’s opinion. It is very helpful to our court if attorneys, as they often do, attach the District Court opinion to the appellant’s brief. Until I personally have read all the briefs, I do not begin to form my own decision.”

On Oral Argument:



“We really are a hot court -- maybe too hot. We all do different things, I hope what I’m trying to do is answer questions that concern me, try out theories to see whether counsel has considered them and to elicit information that is needed. What I try not to do is engage in intellectual exercises. This is not moot court.” (Portions of this interview are excerpts from an In Chambers article, published in the Pennsylvania Law Weekly on July 11, 1994)

**D. Brooks Smith**

Chief Judge

**United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit**

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**Educational Background**

Franklin & Marshall College, BA, 1973  
American University, Washington Semester Program, 1971  
Dickinson School of Law, JD, 1976

**Employment History**

United State District Court, Western District PA, Judge, 1988-2002  
Court of Common Pleas of Blair County, Judge, 1984-1988  
Jubelirer, Carothers, Krier, Halpern & Smith, Managing Partner, 1981-1983  
Jubelirer, Carothers, Krier, Halpern & Smith, Partner, 1980-1984  
Jubelirer, Carothers, Krier, Halpern & Smith, Associate, 1976-1979

**Professional Memberships**

Allegheny County Bar Association; Rules of Practice, Committee of the Third Circuit; Federal Judges’ Association; Third Circuit Task Force for Equal Treatment, Committee on Race and Ethnicity; Federal Bar Association; PA Bar Association; American Law Institute

**Associations and Activities**

Mount Aloysius College, Board of Trustees; Penn State/Dickinson School of Law, Board of Counselors

**Walter K. Stapleton**

Senior Circuit Judge

**United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit**

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**First Appointed: 1985**

**Term Ends: Lifetime**

**Educational Background**

Princeton University, BA, 1956  
Harvard University, LLB, 1959  
University of Virginia School of Law, LLM, 1984

**Employment History**

U.S. District Court, District of Delaware, Judge, 1970-1985  
Deputy Attorney General of Delaware, 1963-1964  
Morris, Nichols, Arsht & Tunnell, Partner, 1959-1970

**Professional Memberships**

American Bar Association; American Judicature Society; Delaware Bar Association

**Thomas I. Vanaskie**

U.S. Circuit Judge Third Circuit

**United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit**

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**Judicial Staff**

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Amanda Cox, Law Clerk  
Lorna Yzkanin, Judicial Assistant  
Rebecca Gauthier, Law Clerk  
Sean Suber, Law Clerk

**Educational Background**

Lycoming College, BA, 1975  
Dickinson School of Law, JD, 1978

**Employment History**

Elliott, Vanaskie & Riley, Partner, 1992-1994  
Dilworth, Paxson, Kalish & Kauffman, 1980-1992  
U.S. District Judge, 1994-2010

**Professional Memberships**

American Bar Association; American Judicature Society; American Trial Lawyers Association; Pennsylvania Trial Lawyers; Federal Bar Association; Lackawanna County Bar Association; Northeastern Pennsylvania Trial Lawyers Association; Pennsylvania Bar Association; Judicial Conference of the United States; Third Circuit Judicial Council; Third Circuit Library, Security and Facilities, and Automation Committees; Federal Judges Association, former member of the board of directors; Information Technology Committee of the Judicial Conference of the United States, former Chair

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