

Justice Bruce W. Kauffman

Term

January 1980 to January 1982

Education

- University of Pennsylvania, B.A., 1956
- Yale Law School, LL.B., 1959

Professional Experience

- Admitted to practice before the United States Supreme Court, the United States Court of Appeals for the First, Third, Fourth, Fifth Eighth, Ninth and D.C. Circuits; the United States District Courts for the District of New Jersey, the Eastern District of Pennsylvania and the District of Columbia; the Supreme Courts of the State of New Jersey and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; and, the District of Columbia Court of Appeals.
- Law Clerk, Judge Vincent S. Haneman, N.J. Superior Court, 1959-1960
- Private Practice, 1960-1980
- Chairman, Pennsylvania Judicial Inquiry and Review Board, 1988
- Governor Richard Thornburgh nominated Kauffman, Justice, Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, 1979; failed to win election in November 1981
- Private Practice, 1982-1997
- Adjunct Professor, University of Pennsylvania School of Law, 1995-1997
- President William Clinton nominated Kauffman on July 31, 1997, confirmed by Senate on November 8, 1997, and received his commission on November 12, 1997
- Judge, U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, November 12, 1997-February 11, 2008
- Senior Judge, U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, February 11, 2008-July 20, 2009
- Private Practice, Elliott Greenleaf, Philadelphia, 2009-Present

Honors and Awards

- Justice for All CLS Champion Award, Philadelphia Bar Association
- The Judge Learned Hand Human Relations Award; Shomrin Service Award
- The Torch of Learning Award, American Friends of the Hebrew University and the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith
- The Tree of Life Award, Jewish National Fund

Memberships and Associations

- Fellow, American College of Trial Lawyers
- Member of the Federal Judges Association
- The Lawyers Club,
- New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Philadelphia Bar Associations
- International Academy of Trial Lawyers
- President, Philadelphia Bar Foundation
- American Law Institute
- Board of the University of the Arts in Philadelphia
- PBA Judicial Selection Reform Committee and House of Delegates
- Chairman, Mayor's Task Force on Minority Employment in the Philadelphia Police Department
- Philadelphia Special Investigation Commission (MOVE Commission)
- Delegate, Pennsylvania Constitutional Convention and Co-Chairman of the Subcommittee on Selection of Judges
- Advisory Committee to the United States Commission on Civil Rights
- Chairman, Lower Merion Township Civil Service Commission
- Chairman, Montgomery County Government Study Commission

- Life Member, Navy League of the United States
- President, Merion Park Civic Association
- Pennsylvania Society
- Phi Beta Kappa Society
- Past Vice-President, Yale Law School Association
- Past President, Yale Law School Association of the Philadelphia Area

Publications

- Judicial Selection in Pennsylvania: A Proposal. 27 Villanova L. Rev. 1163 (1982)
- Civil RICO Litigation Involving Banks: The Developing Case Law. 9 Delaware J. of Corporate L. 1 (1984)
- The Findings, Conclusions and Recommendations of the Philadelphia Special Investigation Commission. 59 Temple L.Q. 339 (1986) [Kaufman was chairman of the commission]

Sources

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