

**Chief Justice Ronald D. Castille**  
1944-

**Term**

January 1994-March 16, 2014; Chief Justice January 2008-December 2014

**Education**

- Auburn University, B.S., 1966
- University of Virginia School of Law, J.D., 1971



**Professional Experience**

- Commissioned Second Lieutenant, U.S. Marine Corps, 1966
- Assistant and Deputy District Attorney, Philadelphia County, 1971-1985
- Philadelphia District Attorney, Philadelphia County, 1986-1991
- Lawyer, Reed, Smith, Shaw & McClay, Philadelphia, 1991-1993
- Elected Justice of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court, November 1993; retained November 2003 and November 2013
- Retired on December 2014

**Honors and Awards**

- Vietnam veteran, awarded Bronze Star and two Purple Hearts
- Distinguished Public Service Award, Pennsylvania County and State Detectives Association, 1987
- Outstanding Disabled Veteran of the Year Award, National Disabled American Veterans and Pennsylvania Disabled American Veterans, 1988
- Presidential Award for Outstanding Service, National District Attorneys Association, 1991
- Marine Corps Law Enforcement Foundation Profiles in Courage Award, 1997
- Philadelphia Flag Day Association Founders Award, 1998
- Military Order of World Wars Patrick Henry Award for Patriotic Achievement, 2000
- President's Award for Outstanding Service, Pennsylvania District Attorneys Association, 1991
- Philadelphia Vietnam Veterans Dedicated Service, 2000
- Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation Award, 2002
- Pa. Bar Foundation/Pa. Bar Association Judge of the Year Award, 2011
- Pa. Legal Aid Network Excellence Award, 2011 & 2013,
- Phila. Bar Assn. Wm. J. Brennan Distinguished Jurist Award, 2013
- Penn Club William Penn Award, 2013
- Chief Justice Ronald D. Castille Award, Pennsylvania Bar Association, 2014
- Philadelphia Bar Association Bar medal, 2014

**Memberships and Associations**

- Executive board member, Criminal Justice Coordinating Commission, 1986-1991
- Vice President and Legislative Chairman, National District Attorneys Association, 1986-1991
- Board member, Urban Coalition, 1988-1991
- Pennsylvania Advisory Committee of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, 1992-1997
- Commissioner, President's Commission on Model State Drug Laws, 1992-present
- Secretary and Vice President, Philadelphia Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund
- Liaison, Criminal Procedural Rules Committee, Minor Court Rules Committee and Ad Hoc Committee on Evidence, 1994-2001

**Publications**

- Foreword—A Period of Restoration and Reform, 67 Temple L. Rev. 509 (1993)
- In Memory of Ralph J. Cappy, Retired Chief Justice of Pennsylvania, 47 Duquesne L. Rev. 469 (2009)
- A Pledge to Ensure Justice, 32 Pa. Law Weekly 372 (April 6, 2009)

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