

**Chief Justice Thomas G. Saylor**  
1946-

#### **Term**

January 1998 to December 2021; Chief Justice, 2015-April 1, 2021

#### **Education**

- University of Virginia, B.A., 1969
- Columbia University School of Law, J.D., 1972
- University of Virginia School of Law, LL.M., 2004



#### **Professional Experience**

- General practice of law, 1972-1982
- First Assistant District Attorney, Somerset County, 1973-1976
- Pennsylvania Bureau of Consumer Protection, Director, 1982-1983
- First Deputy Attorney General, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, 1983-1987
- Private law practice, 1987-1993
- Elected Judge, Superior Court of Pennsylvania, November 1993
- Judge, Superior Court of Pennsylvania, January 1994-January 1998
- Elected Justice, Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, November 1997; retained November 2007 and November 2017
- Justice, Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, January 1998-December 2021
- Justice-in-Residence, Duquesne University School of Law, 2022-

#### **Honors and Awards**

- Honorary LL.D. degrees, honora causa: Widener University School of Law, 2002;
- Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania, 2012

#### **Memberships and Associations**

- American, Pennsylvania, Cumberland County, Dauphin County Bar Associations
- American Bar Association, Appellate Judges Conference
- American Law Institute

#### **Publications**

- With Amy J. Greer. Policing Auto Repair Services under Pennsylvania Law. 64 Pa. B. Assn. Q. 42 (1993)
- Post Conviction Relief in Pennsylvania. 69 Pa. B. Assn. Q. 1 (1998)
- Prophylaxis in Modern State Constitutionalism: New Judicial Federalism and the Acknowledged, Prophylactic Rule. 59 N.Y.U. Surv. Am. L. 283 (2003)
- Right for Any Reason: An Unsettled Doctrine at the Supreme Court Level and an Anecdotal Experience With Former Chief Justice Cappy. 47 Duquesne L. Rev. 489 (2009)
- On the Nature of Judging. 20 Widener L.J. 681 (2011)
- Power and Prerogative: Reflections on Judicial Suspension of Laws. 21 Widener L.J. 259 (2012)
- Fourth Amendment Departures and Sustainability in State Constitutionalism. 22 Widener L.J. 1 (2012)
- Death-Penalty Stewardship and the Current State of Pennsylvania Capital Jurisprudence. 23 Widener L.J. 1 (2013)
- Tribute to the Honorable Ronald D. Castille, 53 Duquesne L. Rev. 301 (2015)
- [Speech by Chief Justice of Pennsylvania Thomas G. Saylor on the Magna Carta to the Pennsylvania Bar Association](#)

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