

Chief Justice Max Baer

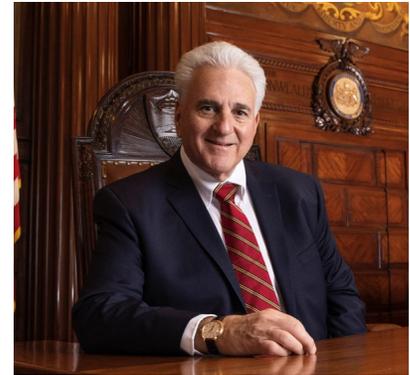
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Term

January 2004 to December 31, 2022; Chief Justice, April 1, 2021-December 31, 2022

Education

- University of Pittsburgh, B.A., 1971
- Duquesne University School of Law, J.D., 1975
- Robert Morris College, Masters of Tax Program, 1985-1986



Professional Experience

- Deputy Attorney General, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, 1975-1980
- Private law practice, 1980-1989
- Elected a Judge, Court of Common Pleas of Allegheny County, November 1989; retained in November 1999
- Judge, Court of Common Pleas of Allegheny County, January 1990-January 2004 Administrative Judge, Family Division, 1993-2003
- Elected Justice, Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, November 2003; retained November 2013
- Justice, Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, January 2004-December 31, 2022

Honors and Awards

- Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare, Adoption Advocate of the Year, 1997
- Federal Department of Health and Human Services, Adoption Excellence Award for Judicial Innovation, 1998
- Robert S. Steward Award for Distinguished Service to Pennsylvania Families, 1998
- Child Advocacy Award for Legal Contributions Advancing the Welfare of Our Nation's Children, 1999
- Judicial Achievement Award for Advancing Pro Bono Activities, 1999
- Pennsylvania Bar Association, Child Advocate of the Year, 2000
- Homeless Children's Education Fund, Champion of Children's Award, 2003
- The J.N.L. Club, Humanitarian Award for Community Involvement, 2003
- Pennsylvania's Council of Mediators, Most Valuable Peacemaker, 2004
- Three Rivers Youth Nellie Award for Civic Leadership, 2005

Memberships and Associations

- Domestic Relations Procedural Rules Committee of the Supreme Court, Former Chair
- Juvenile Court Judges Commission, Ex Officio Representative
- Joint State Government Commission on Adoption Law and Services to Children and Youth
- Pennsylvania Conference of Trial Judges, Family Law Section, Former Chair

Publications

- The Judges= Book (1992)
- Custody Wars—The Creation of a New Weapon of Mass Destruction. 21 Pa. Family Lawyer 121 (1999)
- Forum: Open, Shut and Complicated, A Critique of the Elian Gonzales Case. Pittsburgh Post-Gazette (Feb. 20, 2000)
- Family Law and Civility: Can They Co-exist? 24 Pa. Family Lawyer 13 (2002)
- The Collegial Chief. 47 Duquesne L. Rev. 499 (2009)

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