

## **Justice Debra Todd**

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### **Term**

January 2008 to December 2027

### **Education**

- Chatham College, B.A. with honors, 1979
- University of Pittsburgh School of Law, J.D., Law Review, 1982
- University of Virginia School of Law, LL.M, 2004

### **Professional Experience**

- Litigation attorney, U.S. Steel Corp., 1982-1987
- Private law practice, 1987-1999
- Elected a judge of the Superior Court of Pennsylvania, 1999
- Judge, Superior Court of Pennsylvania, January 2000-January 2008
- Elected a Justice of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, 2007; Retained 2017
- Justice, Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, January 2008-December 2027

### **Honors and Awards**

- Honorary LL.D. degree in Public Service, Chatham University, 2008
- Pennsylvania Federation of Democratic Women, Woman of the Year 2007
- Women in the Profession, Woman of the Year Award, The Legal Intelligencer 2007-2008
- Celebrate & Share Women of Achievement Award, 2008
- Cornerstone Award for Law, Chatham University, 2009
- Philip Werner Amram Award for Professional Excellence, Allegheny County Bar Association 2010
- Distinguished Alumni Award, University of Pittsburgh Law Alumni Association, 2012
- Tribute to Women Leadership Award in Business & Professional Services, Greater Pittsburgh YWCA, 2013
- Marjorie Matson Woman of the Year Award, Pitt Law Women's Association, 2013
- 225th Anniversary Medallion, University of Pittsburgh, recognizing alumni who have built better lives through their life's work, 2013
- Judge Robert E. Dauer Award for Judicial Leadership and Excellence, Amen Corner, 2015
- Visionary Award, Pittsburgh Action Against Rape, recognizing individuals who have made a significant impact in the lives of survivors of sexual violence, 2016
- Susan B. Anthony Award, Women's Bar Association of Western Pennsylvania, promoting equality in the legal profession, 2017

### **Memberships and Associations**

- American, Pennsylvania, Allegheny County, Butler County Bar Associations
- Pennsylvania, Allegheny County Bar Foundations
- Academy of Trial Lawyers of Allegheny County
- American Law Institute
- National Association of Women Judges
- International Association of Women Judges
- Women's Bar Association of Western Pennsylvania
- Pittsburgh Civic Light Opera, Board of Directors
- Pittsburgh Action Against Rape, Former Board Member, Past President
- Leadership Pittsburgh Alumnae Board
- Finnegan Foundation, Former Board Member



**Publications**

- Sentencing of Adult Offenders in Crimes Involving the Sexual Abuse of Children, Too Little, Too Late? A View from the Pennsylvania Bench. 109 Penn State L. Rev. 487 (2004)
- Report and Recommendations of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court Elder Law Task Force (Chair) (2014)

**Sources**

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