

## Justice Joan Orié Melvin

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### Term

January 4, 2010-May 1, 2013

### Education

- University of Notre Dame, B.A., 1978
- Duquesne University School of Law, J.D., 1981



### Professional Experience

- Private practice, 1981-1985
- Magistrate, City of Pittsburgh Magistrate Courts, 1985-1987; Chief Magistrate, 1987-1990
- Governor Robert P. Casey nominated Melvin, Judge, Court of Common Pleas of Allegheny County, June 14, 1990, confirmed by Senate, June 26, 1990, served July 1990-January 1998
- Elected, Judge, Court of Common Pleas of Allegheny County, November 1991
- Judge, Court of Common Pleas of Allegheny County, January 1992-January 1998
- Elected Judge, Superior Court of Pennsylvania, November 1997; retained in November 2007
- Judge, Superior Court of Pennsylvania, January 1998-January 2010
- Elected Justice, Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, November 2009
- Resigned on May 1, 2013

### Honors and Awards

- Woman of the Spirit Award, Carlow College
- Woman of the Year, Women's Law Association, Duquesne University School of Law
- Anne B. Anstine Excellence in Public Service Award, 2004
- Liberty Bell Award, Berks County Bar Association, 2005
- Women in Government Award, Pennsylvania Business & Professional Women, 2005

### Memberships and Associations

- American Judicature Society
- Federal Circuit Bar Association
- Past President, Allegheny County Prison Board
- Soldiers & Sailors Military Museum and Memorial Board
- UPMC Passavant Board
- Vincentian Home Board
- Allegheny County Mental Health/Mental Retardation Advisory Board
- Stop Violence Task Force, Troubled Youth Committee, United Way Community Problem Solving Board.

### Sources

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