

STEPHEN J. McEWEN, JR.
President Judge Emeritus
SUPERIOR COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA

Curriculum Vitae

JUDICIAL TENURE:

- 2001 Elected by retention to a third 10-year term, and serving as President Judge Emeritus.
- 1996 Elected as President Judge of the Pennsylvania Superior Court for a five-year term by the Judges of that Court.
- 1991 Elected by retention to a second 10-year term as Superior Court Judge.
- 1981 Elected to Pennsylvania Superior Court for a 10-year term.
- 1981 Appointed by Governor Dick Thornburgh to the Pennsylvania Superior Court following the recommendation of the Appellate Court Nominating (Merit Selection) Commission, an appointment ratified by the Senate of Pennsylvania.

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- 1996 Appointed by Governor Tom Ridge to the Court of Judicial Discipline, and elected President Judge by the members of that Court.
- 1983 Appointed by Pennsylvania Supreme Court to membership upon the Pennsylvania Judicial Inquiry and Review Board, and re-appointed in January, 1985.

NATIONAL APPELLATE JUDICIAL CONFERENCE:

- Council of Chief Judges of State Courts of Appeal:
President: 2003-2004 Executive Committee: 1999 – 2005
President-Elect: 2002-2003 Member: 1996 – present.
- Editorial Board of *The Judges Journal*, a quarterly magazine for the judiciary, published by the American Bar Association: 2003.
- Editor of Appellate Judges Conference section of *Judicial Division Record*, a quarterly periodical of the American Bar Association: 2000 – 2003.

DEGREES:

ACADEMIC

- University of Virginia Law School, LL.M. (1986)
- University of Pennsylvania Law School, J.D. (1957)
- St. Joseph's College, B.A. (1954)

HONORARY

- University of Scranton, LL.D. (2000)
- Widener University School of Law, LL.D. (2000)
- deSales University, LL.D. (1999)

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

- 2005 Initiated Ceremony of Signing of a Memorandum of Understanding by the Secretary of the Commonwealth and the Ambassador of the Republic of Bulgaria to U.S. at Capitol in Harrisburg, PA.
- 2005 State visit to Bulgaria as guest of government to confer with the Foreign Minister and the Deputy Ministers of a number of Cabinet agencies.
- 2004 Appointed by the Republic of Bulgaria, with approval of the U.S. Department of State, to serve as Honorary Consul.
- 2003 - ABA-United Nations Development Programme/International Legal Resource Center –
present Advisory Committee.
- 2000)
2001) Lecturer for United States Agency for International Development (USAID). (See below).
2002)

JUDICIAL/LEGAL ETHICS EXPERTISE:

International

- 2000) USAID Judicial Development Project for Bulgaria/East-West Management Institute.
2001) Program Participant: ***Judicial Ethics: Maintaining Judicial Integrity.***
2002) Borevitz (2002), Pomporovo, (2001), and Varna (2000).

United States

Code (Canons) of Judicial Conduct

- 1996 – Appointed by Governor Tom Ridge to the Court of Judicial Discipline (a forum for
1999 adjudication of judicial conduct), and elected President Judge by the members of that Court.
- 1985 – Reappointed by the Pennsylvania Supreme Court to membership upon the
1987 Pennsylvania Judicial Inquiry and Review Board (agency examining and adjudicating judicial conduct).
- 1983 – Appointed by Pennsylvania Supreme Court to membership upon the Pennsylvania
1984 Judicial Inquiry and Review Board.

Code (Canons) of Professional Responsibility for Lawyers

- 1975 – Professor of Trial Advocacy, Villanova University Law School, with concentration
1985 on advocacy and ethics.

ACADEMIC/LECTURER APPOINTMENTS:

- 2007 Keynote Address for the Pennsylvania Bar Association/Villanova University Law School Public Policy Symposium, National Constitution Center: *Judicial Independence/Rule of Law*.
- 2005 Washington Foreign Law Society and panelists of International Law Symposium: *The Rule of Law: Some Thoughts*.
- 2005 Independence National Park Rangers Staff: *The Evolution of American Law: Colonial > Contemporary*.
- 2001 St. Joseph's University: *The 20th Century Ascendancy of Respect for the Individual: The Labor Movement*.
- 1975 – Villanova University Law School, Adjunct Professor of *Trial Advocacy*.
1985
- 2000 Widener University Law School Commencement Speech: *Our Cause ... The Law*.
- 2000 Pennsylvania Bar Association, Civil Litigation Section: *Respect for the Dignity of the Individual: The Labor Movement*.
- 1999 Allegheny County Bar Association: *John Adams: Hand of Providence*.
- 1999 College of St. Francis deSales Commencement Speech: *The Church, The College, and The Court*.
- 1998 Allegheny County Bar Association: *John Marshall: Chief Justice, Patriot, Combat Soldier*.
- 1998 – Commonwealth Partners Program – Program Designer and Lecturer: Thirteen regional
2000 assemblies throughout the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania with members of the Legislature and trial bench: *Judicial Independence*.
- 1996 Allegheny County Bar Association: *The Rule of Law*.
- 1995 – Bryn Mawr Graduate School of Social Research, Guest Lecturer: *Equal Justice: Boast and Goal*.
1996
- 1994 – Widener University Law School – Guest Lecturer: *Society and The Criminal Justice System*.
1996
- 1994 Pennsylvania Bar Institute - Lecturer and Panel Member: *Effective Advocacy in the Appellate Courts*.
- 1991 Franklin & Marshall College – Guest Lecturer: *A Constitutional Government*.
- 1990 Penn State University – Guest Lecturer: *First Amendment Issues*.
- 1989 Bucknell University – Guest Lecturer: *The Rule of Law*.
- 1987 – Tulane University Law School – Guest Lecturer: *Principles of Cross-Examination*.
1989
- 1987 St. Joseph's University – Guest Lecturer: *Our Constitution - The Magnificent Triumph*.
- 1987 – Temple University Law School – Law, Education and Participation (LEAP) Program:
1991 Various lectures and panel discussions.

AUTHOR OF:

- **NOT EVEN DICTA:** a 1997 book, funded by the Ethel Sergeant Clark Smith Memorial Fund, composed of judicial /personal expressions, all from decisions, seeking to sprightly validate existing and proposed legal maxims.
- Article: *The Intermediate Appellate Courts of Pennsylvania*, National Center for State Courts, *the Justice System Journal*, Volume 26, No. 1, 2005.
- Article: *An American Judge in Bulgaria*, American Bar Association, *The Judges' Journal*, Summer 2003.
- Article: *MARBURY v. MADISON – A Prequel*, American Bar Association, *Judicial Division Record*, Summer 2003.
- Article: *Sights, Insights and Memories of Bulgarian Missions*, *AOPC Connected*, Winter 2003.
- Essay: "Labor Day" and the First Continental Congress, *Judicial Division Record*, Summer 2002.
- Article: *TV or Not TV* published by *Court Review*, the Journal of the American Judges Association, Volume 36, Issue 4, Winter 2000.
- Article: *On the Effective Use of Resources in Pennsylvania* published by *Court Review*, the Journal of the American Judges Association, Volume 35, Issue 3, Fall 1998.
- Article: Excerpts from *Not Even Dicta* published by the *St. John's Journal of Legal Commentary*, Volume 12, Issue 1, Fall 1996.
- Article: "The Protester: A Sentencing Dilemma" published by the *Notre Dame Journal of Law, Ethics and Public Policy*, Volume 5, Issue No. 4, 1991.
- Treatise: "The Defense of Justification and its Use by the Protestor: A Focus on Pennsylvania", published in the *Dickinson Law Review*, Volume 91, Fall 1986.
- Treatise: "The Press – Is There A Problem? Is A Press Council the Solution? The Minnesota Press Council", published by *Philadelphia Legal Intelligencer*, January 21, 1976.
- Treatise: "Due Process for All — Even Witnesses," published by *Philadelphia Legal Intelligencer*, March 9, 1975.

AMERICAN LAW INSTITUTE MEMBERSHIPS:

- Model Penal Code: Sentencing Section: 2002-2009
- Transnational Section: 1999, et seq.

PROFESSIONAL AWARDS:

Dedication of the *Stephen J. McEwen, Jr., Conference Center* of the Pennsylvania Superior Court, Philadelphia, November 2001.

Delaware County Bar Association, President's Award, 1998 and 2010.

Delaware County Bar Association, Special Recognition Award, January 2001.

Pennsylvania Bar Association President's Judicial Award, May 2000.

Lehigh County Bar Association, Liberty Bell Award, 1997.

Brehon Law Society, Distinguished Service Award, 1996.

Lancaster County Bar Association, George Ross Distinguished Service Award, 1990.

Pennsylvania Bar Association afforded the designation of "exceptionally well-qualified" for a seat upon the Pennsylvania Supreme Court, 1988.

Villanova University Law School Faculty Excellence Award, 1986.

St. Joseph's College Criminal Justice Alumni Chapter Distinguished Service Award, 1984.

Delaware County Sons of Saint Patrick, Man of the Year Award, 1981 and 1991.

Distinguished Service Award, Pennsylvania District Attorneys' Association, 1976.

Man of the Year Award, Delaware County Bar Association Lawyers Club, 1974.

Outstanding Service Award, Ancient Order of Hibernians of Delaware County, March 1972.

University of Pennsylvania James Wilson Law Society Annual Distinguished Service Award, 1968.

LEGAL PRACTICE - TRIAL LAWYER:

Liebert, Short, FitzPatrick & Lavin, Philadelphia and Delaware Counties, 1972-1981, Litigation Partner.

McEwen & McEwen, a father and son firm, 1960-1972, Litigation Partner.

District Attorney of Delaware County, 1967-1976, after election in 1967 and re-election in 1971.

General Counsel for Pennsylvania District Attorneys' Association, 1976-1979.

Assistant Voluntary Defender of Philadelphia, 1958-1959.

Given Martindale-Hubbell "A-V" classification, the highest evaluation possible for a lawyer.

Solicitorships: Delaware County Police Chiefs, County of Delaware (Asst.), County Controller, various municipalities, school districts, and fire companies.