



THE SUPREME COURT *of* OHIO

Judith Ann Lanzinger

Justice



Jan. 1, 2005 - Judith Ann Lanzinger became the 150th Justice of the Supreme Court of Ohio. Her current terms ends on Dec. 31, 2010.

When she was elected the 150th Supreme Court Justice in 2004, **Judith Ann Lanzinger** made history by becoming the only person ever elected to all four levels of the Ohio judiciary. Over the last 25 years, she has served on the Supreme Court, the 6th District Court of Appeals, the Lucas County Court of Common Pleas and the Toledo Municipal Court. This background helps her understand how Supreme Court decisions affect the work of all judges in the state.

The granddaughter of coal-miners, Justice Lanzinger was the first one in her family to attend college. She received a bachelor's degree magna cum laude in education and English from the University of Toledo. She then taught elementary school and started a family before earning a law degree cum laude at the University of Toledo College of Law where she was valedictorian of her class.

Justice Lanzinger practiced civil law with a corporation and then with a Toledo law firm before joining the bench. As a judge, she won scholarships to become one of the first to earn a master's degree in Judicial Studies from the National Judicial College and University of Nevada, Reno. The college recently recognized her for 12 years of being on its faculty.

The Justice enjoys speaking about the court system to community groups, especially to school children in the Law and Leadership program. She has been an adjunct professor since 1988 at her former law school and has taught judicial courses throughout the United States, as well as in the former Soviet Union. She has a special interest in the use of technology and has written more than 100 opinions during her term, with the aid of her ever-present laptop.

Along with her regular court duties, Justice Lanzinger currently chairs the Supreme Court Commission on the Rules of Superintendence for Ohio Courts. Previously, she served as chairperson and a board member of the Ohio Judicial College. She is a charter member and past president of the Morrison R. Waite American Inn of Court, a group that mentors law students and new attorneys. She also served as co-chair of the Public Education and Awareness Task Force of the Ohio Courts Futures Commission and was a member of the Supreme Court of Ohio Board of Commissioners on Grievances & Discipline, as well as the Ohio Criminal Sentencing Commission.

Among her awards are the Toledo Junior Bar's Order of the Heel and the Arabella Babb Mansfield Award from the Toledo Women's Bar Association, both given for assistance to young lawyers.

Married for more than 40 years, the Justice and her husband, Robert Lanzinger, live in Toledo and have a daughter, son, and son-in-law, who are all attorneys, and three grandchildren, who keep her well-balanced and enjoying life.

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Jan. 1, 2005-present
Associate Justice, Supreme Court of Ohio

2002-2004
Ohio Appellate Judge, 6th District Court of Appeals

1988-2003
Lucas County Common Pleas Court; Administrative Judge, 1996
Elected Common Pleas Judge, Lucas County Common Pleas General Trial Division in 1988; re-elected to additional six year terms, November 1994 and 2000

1985-1988
Judge, Toledo Municipal Court (Established Housing Court in 1988)

1988-present
Adjunct Professor, University of Toledo College of Law, teaching Trial Practice

1981-1985
Attorney, Shumaker, Loop and Kendrick, 1000 Jackson, Toledo; Emphasis on federal practice, ERISA, environmental law and litigation

1978-1981
Attorney, The Toledo Edison Company; Specialized in environmental law

BAR ADMISSIONS

The Ohio Bar, the United States Supreme Court, the U.S. District Courts for the Northern District of Ohio, Eastern District of Michigan and the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

2000 - Certification in Myers-Briggs Type Indicator administration by CAPT

1997 and 1998 - Leadership Institute, University of Memphis

1992 - Master of Judicial Studies, National Judicial College and University of Nevada-Reno

1977 - Doctor of Jurisprudence, cum laude, University of Toledo College of Law; valedictorian;
Law Review 1976-77

1968 - Bachelor of Education, magna cum laude, University of Toledo; Dual majors: English and Education; Kappa Delta Pi and Phi Kappa Phi honoraries

1964-66 - Lourdes Jr. College, Sylvania, Ohio

1960-63 - St. Clare Academy, Sylvania, Ohio

OFFICES AND APPOINTMENTS

2000-2002 - President, Morrison R. Waite American Inn of Court

2000-2001 - Chair, Ohio Judicial College

2000 - Fellow, Ohio State Bar Foundation

2000-2002 - Member, Council of Delegates, Ohio State Bar Association

2000-2004 - Bishop's Education Council

1996-2000 - Co-Chair of Public Education and Awareness Task Force, Ohio Futures Commission

1996 - Master and Charter Executive Member, Morrison Waite Inns of Court

1995-2001 - Ohio Judicial College, Board of Trustees; in 1996, elected Secretary to Board

1994-95 - Supreme Court of Ohio, Continuing Legal Education Committee

1994-96 - Diocesan Committee on Responses to Sexual Abuse

1991-97 - Ohio Criminal Sentencing Commission

1988-91 - Commission on Grievances and Discipline of the Supreme Court of Ohio

1988-97 - Diocesan Lay Retirement Board, Trustee.

1988-92 - The Toledo Legal Aid Society, Board Member

1988-89 - Criminal Justice Coordinating Council, Board Member

1987 - Adjunct Faculty, University of Toledo College of Law

1985-86 - President, Toledo Junior Bar Association, Member of Executive Committee 1979-86

1984-85 - President, The Toledo Civil Service Commission

1982-85 - Toledo Bar Association, Member of Board of Trustees

1983-85 - Secretary, Board of Trustees of the Toledo Bar

1983-85 - University of Toledo Law Alumni, Board Member

1970-71 - President, Catholic Big Sisters

TEACHING AND LECTURES

Oct. 5, 2001 - "View from the Bench: Direct and Cross-Examination," Ohio State Bar Association CLE Institute, Wyndham Hotel, Toledo

Aug. 13-17, 2001 - "Great Issues in Law and Literature," National Judicial College, Ashland, Oregon

June 12, 2001 - "Ethics and Cinema," Probate Judges' Conference, The Breakers Hotel, Sandusky, Ohio

March 17-18, 2001- Reclaiming Futures Judicial Leadership, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, Reno, Nevada

Dec. 11-12, 2000 - "Ethics and Cinema," Ohio Judicial College, Columbus

Nov. 29, 2000 - "New Judges' Orientation: Trial Management," Ohio Judicial College, Columbus Convention Center

Nov. 3, 2000 - "Advocacy, Professionalism and Substance Abuse," Toledo Women's Bar Association, Toledo,

Oct. 5-6, 2000 - "Ethics and Cinema for Magistrates," Ohio Judicial College, Akron

Oct. 15-16, 2000 - Ohio Judicial College conference, Hueston Woods

Sept. 28, 2000 - "View From the Bench: Direct and Cross-Examination," Ohio State Bar Association CLE Institute, Radisson, Toledo

Sept. 7-8, 2000 - "The Judiciary: Interpreting the Vision," Moderated panel discussion, Ohio Judicial College, Columbus

Aug. 18, 2000 - "Ethics and Cinema for Judges and Magistrates," Ohio Judicial College, Findlay, Ohio

May 12, 2000 - Commencement Address, Toledo Police Academy

April 11, 2000 - Jury Management Conference, Ohio State Bar Foundation, Dublin, Ohio

Feb. 24, 2000 - "More Than Sex, Drugs and Money: Reporting on the Legal System," Ohio State Bar Foundation, Columbus

Jan. 27-28, 2000 - Board of Trustees Retreat, Deer Creek State Park, Ohio

Dec. 16, 1999 - "Law and Cinema," Ohio Judicial College, Columbus

Oct. 11-12, 1999 - "General Jurisdiction" Jury Segments, National Judicial College, Reno, Nevada

Oct. 7-9, 1999 - "The National Symposium on the Future of Judicial Branch Education," Adam's Mark Hotel St. Louis, Missouri

Oct. 1, 1999 - "View From the Bench: Pretrial Procedures and Settlement," Ohio State Bar Association CLE Institute, Toledo

Sept. 29-30, 1999 - "Ohio Conclave on Education For the Legal Profession," Ohio State Bar Association, Columbus

Sept. 9-10, 1999 - "The Scope of Judicial Power," Moderated discussion, Columbus Adams Mark Hotel

April 29-30 1999 - "Ethics and Cinema," Ohio Judicial College, Cincinnati

April 20, 1999 - "Judicial Practice for Judges: A Workshop in Judicial Decision-Making," Ohio Judicial College, Columbus

March 22-23 1999 - "Law and Cinema," Ohio Judicial College, Sheraton Suites, Columbus

Dec. 17-18 1998 - "Law and Cinema," Ohio Judicial College, Columbus

Oct. 22, 1998 - "You Be the Judge," Fremont, Sandusky, Ohio

April 21, 1998 - "Progress of Women in the Legal Profession," Women in Communications, Toledo

July 27-August 1, 1997 - "Decision Making," National Judicial College, Reno, Nevada

May 29, 1997 - "Continuing Legal Education Seminar: Senate Bill 2," Wood County Bar Association

April 3, 1997 - "Felony Sentencing Course-for Judges" Ohio Judicial College, Columbus

Sept. 29- Oct. 4, 1996 - "Decision Making," National Judicial College, Reno, Nevada

Aug. 4-9, 1996 - "Law, Ethics and Justice," National Judicial College, Ashland, Oregon

June 19-21, 1996 - "Are You Ready? (For S.B. 2, That Is)," Ohio Common Pleas Judges' Association, Radisson Harbour Inn, Sandusky, Ohio

June 18, 1996 - "Felony Sentencing," Ohio Judicial College, Sandusky, Ohio

April 19, 1996 - "Senate Bill 2 and Probation," Ohio Judicial College, Columbus

March 29, 1996 - "Felony Sentencing," Ohio Judicial College, Hilton, Akron

March 22, 1996 - "Felony Sentencing," Ohio Judicial College, Marriott, Columbus

Feb. 11-16 1996 - "Conducting the Trial," National Judicial College, San Diego, California

Dec. 5, 1995 - "Senate Bill 2," Winter Conference, Ohio Judicial Conference, Columbus

Oct. 14-25, 1995 - Moscow, St. Petersburg, "Program to Train the Trainers" National Judicial College for Russia's Commercial Court

Oct. 5, 1995 - "View From the Bench: Direct Examination," Toledo Bar Association, Toledo

Sept. 25, 1995 - "You be the Judge," Ramada Inn, Toledo Inn

Sept. 20, 1995 - "Managing Your Courtroom to Communicate a Sense of Justice," Annual Judicial Conference, Midway, Utah

Aug. 6-11, 1995 - "Great Issues in Law and Literature," National Judicial College, Ashland, Oregon

April 6, 1995 - "Bringing the Courtroom into the Classroom" Symposium, Springfield High School

March 5-10, 1995 - "Conducting the Trial," National Judicial College, Las Vegas, Nevada

Jan. 29-Feb. 5, 1995 - Kiev, Ukraine, "Rule of Law" program for Arbitration Court Judges, ARD Checci

Sept. 30, 1994 - "Future of the Legal Profession," Panelist, Columbus

Sept. 29, 1994 - "View From the Bench: Direct Examination," Ohio State Bar Association CLE Institute, Toledo

July 10-22, 1994 - "The Decision Making Process," National Judicial College, Reno, Nevada

March 23, 1994 - "Don't Kill the Umpire: Why We Need Independent Judges," Zenobia Shrine, Toledo

March 18, 1994 - "The New Sentencing Plan," Fremont, Ohio

June 10, 1993 - Bench Bar, Toledo

Sept. 27, 1991 - "View From the Bench," Toledo Bar Association, Toledo

Sept. 2-4, 1991 - Ohio Bench/Bar, Reporter, Ohio State Bar Association, Hyatt on Capital Square, Columbus

June 6, 1991 - "The Compleat Jury," Ohio Judicial College, Columbus

March 5, 1991 - "Women Alive," Panel Presentation, Toledo Junior League

Jan. 22, 1991 - "The View From the Bench," Toledo Bar Association, Toledo

Nov. 30, 1990 - "Update in Ethics," Cincinnati Bar Association, Cincinnati

Oct. 1, 1990 - "Felony Sentencing," Ohio Judicial College, Sharonville, Cincinnati

Jan. 14-19, 1990 - "Law Ethics and Justice," National Judicial College, Winter Park, Florida

1987-Present - Adjunct Faculty, University of Toledo College of Law teaching "Trial Practice"

1988-92 - Legal Advisor, Ohio Mock Trial Program, St. Francis DeSales team

1988 - Commencement Address, Davis Business College

1987 - Commencement Address, Lourdes College, Sylvania

1982 - "Legal Considerations in Fundraising & Investing Pension Assets," United States League of Savings Associations

AWARDS

2003 - Award for Service, Common Pleas Judges Association

2002 - Award for Service to Judicial Education, presented by Ohio Judicial College

1995 - Arabella Babb Mansfield Award, Toledo Women's Bar Association

1994 - "Order of the Heel," Toledo Junior Bar

1990-92 - Scholarships, from National Judicial College to pursue Master of Judicial Studies

1988-89 - "Hall of Excellence" Award, Ohio Foundation of Independent Colleges

1988 - "Women of Toledo" Honoree named by St. Vincent Medical Auxiliary

1985 - "Superior Judicial Service" Award, Supreme Court of Ohio