

## **Justice J. Michael Eakin**

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### **Term**

January 2002-March 15, 2016

### **Education**

- Franklin & Marshall College B.A., 1970
- Dickinson School of Law, J.D., 1975

### **Professional Experience**

- Admitted to practice in Pennsylvania Supreme Court, Third Circuit Court of Appeals, U.S. Supreme Court
- Pennsylvania Army National Guard 28th Division, 1971-1977
- Assistant District Attorney, Cumberland County, 1975-1983
- Private Practice, Eakin and Eakin, 1980-1989
- District Attorney, Cumberland County, 1984-1995
- Adjunct Professor, Widener University School of Law
- Elected Judge, Superior Court of Pennsylvania, November 1995
- Judge, Superior Court of Pennsylvania, January 1996-January 2002
- Elected Justice, Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, November 2001
- Resigned March 15, 2016

### **Honors and Awards**

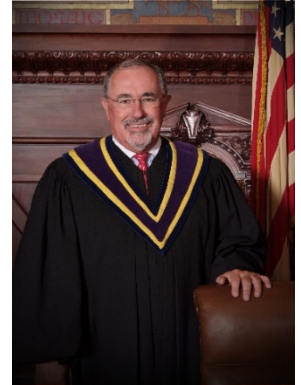
- Honorary LL.D., Widener University School of Law, 2005
- Sweetheart of the Year Award, Mothers Against Drunk Driving, 1988
- Lecturer of Merit Award, National College of District Attorneys, 1990
- Best Catch of 1991 Award, Mid-Penn Anglers
- Career Achievement Award, Dickinson School of Law, 2000
- Invited speaker on prosecutorial ethics, National District Attorneys Association Convention National College of District Attorneys (various locations)
- Successfully argued before the United States Supreme Court (Pennsylvania v. Muniz), 1990

### **Memberships and Associations**

- American, Pennsylvania, Dauphin County, Lancaster County Bar Associations
- American Inns of Court, Cumberland County Chapter
- State Prosecutors Associations of West Virginia, Iowa, North Carolina, Mississippi
- Pennsylvania Bar Institute (faculty; Criminal Law Symposium Planning Committee)
- Pennsylvania District Attorney's Association 1987-1995, Executive Committee and Education Chairman, 1987-1995, President 1992-1993
- Pennsylvania District Attorneys Institute 1987-1995, President, 1994-1995
- National District Attorneys Association, 1975-1995
- National College of District Attorneys (faculty); 1994-2000
- Pennsylvania Criminal Procedural Rules Committee, Vice Chairman, 1997-1999 Chairman, 1999-2000
- Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences
- President, Police Prosecutor Training Institute
- State Police Youth Camp, Troop H. Camp Cadet, Inc.
- Brehon Society

### **Publications**

- Point/Counterpoint, The Prosecutor (Fall 1987)
- Preparing and Prosecuting Cases with Interpreters, The Practical Prosecutor (NCDA 1988)
- Making the Grade, 16 no. 4 The Pa. Lawyer (July 1994)



- A Tribute in Rhyme, 47 Duquesne L. Rev. 529 (2009)

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