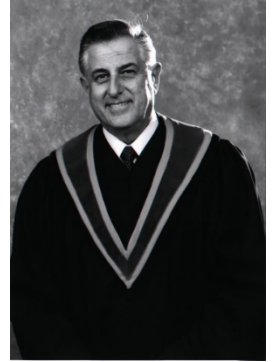


Chief Justice Stephen A. Zappala
1923-2021



Term

January 1983-December 31, 2002; Chief Justice, January 1-December 31, 2002; Chief Justice Emeritus, January 2003-May 21, 2021

Education

- University of Notre Dame, 1950-1951
- Duquesne University, B.A., 1954
- Georgetown University Law School, J.D., 1958

Professional Experience

- U. S. Army, 1954-1956
- Admitted to Allegheny County Bar, Pennsylvania Supreme Court, U. S. District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania, 1959; U. S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, 1964; U. S. Supreme Court, 1966
- Partner, Zappala and Zappala, 1960-1975
- Solicitor, Carnegie Borough, 1972, Cheswick Borough, Kennedy Township Municipal Sewage Authority
- Director, Allegheny County Department of Planning and Development, 1973
- Solicitor, Community College of Allegheny County, 1974
- Solicitor, Allegheny County, 1974-1976
- Partner, Zappala, Dodardo & Cambert, 1976-1979
- Solicitor, Recorder of Deeds of Allegheny County, 1977-1979
- Elected Judge, Court of Common Pleas of Allegheny County, December 1979
- Judge, Court of Common Pleas of Allegheny County, January 1980-January 1983
- Elected Justice, Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, November 1982; retained November 1991 and November 2001
- Retired December 31, 2002

Honors and Awards

- Central Catholic H. S. Hall of Fame, 1985
- Man of the Year Award of Merit, Columbus Civic Association of Pennsylvania, 1985
- Honoree, Italian Heritage of Society, 1986
- Man of the Year Award, National Italian-American Sports Hall of Fame, 1988
- Alumni Award, Duquesne University Century Club, 1988
- Honoree, Orders of Sons of Italy in America, 1989
- Judicial Award, Pennsylvania Bar Association, 1992
- Certificate of Appreciation, Special Court Judges Association of Pennsylvania, 1995
- Gold Medal for Distinguished Service, Order Sons of Italy of America, 1995
- Art Rooney Award, Catholic Youth Association of Pittsburgh, 2001

Memberships and Associations

- Honorary National President, Vice President, Italian Sons and Daughters of America
- Board, Multiple Sclerosis Society, Allegheny Chapter
- Columbus Civic Association
- Italian Heritage Society
- Justinian Society
- Knights of Columbus

Publications

- Interview: Justice-elect Zappala assesses the judiciary. 5 Pennsylvania Law Journal-Reporter, 1 (November 15, 1982)

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