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Pennsylvania Commission on Judicial Independence Reacts to Death of Attorney Edward W. “Ned” Madeira, Jr.

HARRISBURG — The Pennsylvania Supreme Court Commission on Judicial Independence Co-Chairs United States District Court Judge John Jones and Commonwealth Court Judge Renee Cohn Jubelirer today issued the following statement following the death of prominent Pennsylvania attorney Edward W. “Ned” Madeira, Jr.

Madeira of Philadelphia served with the Pepper Hamilton law firm for more than 65 years, and was named chairman emeritus in 1994. He was a charter member of the Pennsylvania Commission on Judicial Independence, which just celebrated its 15th year in service to the Pennsylvania Supreme Court.

Madeira passed at the age of 92 on Thursday, May 21.

Jones remembered Madeira as “an iconic figure. He had a passion for justice and judicial independence that was unmatched. We shall not see the likes of him again.”

Cohn Jubelirer reflected that “Ned inspired us with his tireless and insightful contributions to public understanding of the importance of an independent judiciary. He was nationally admired and respected and will be sorely missed. “

Former Supreme Court Justice James Fitzgerald, co-chair Emeritus of the Commission recalled Madeira as “creative, knowledgeable, and a dynamic contributor and mover and shaker. Ned was also Philadelphia’s finest civil defense trial lawyer for over three decades. He will always be remembered as dedicated to justice for the less fortunate and as a principled individual and attorney. He will be missed.”

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