



GOVERNOR JOSH SHAPIRO

September 9, 2025

Justice Sandra Schultz Newman
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Greetings, Justice Newman:

Thank you for your many years of service to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and our nation.

In true public service, you spent your career bettering the lives of countless others. By giving a voice to those in need, providing mentorship to many, and serving as a defender of the foundational ideas of our nation, you have truly represented the best of our Commonwealth. Throughout your storied career, you often served as a legal trailblazer. From the beginning of your career as the first female Assistant District Attorney in Montgomery County, to the Pennsylvania Commonwealth Court, to being elected to the State Supreme Court as the Court's first female justice, your achievements represent groundbreaking advances in gender equality—serving as an inspiration to girls and women in communities throughout our nation. Through providing exceptional legal representation to those most in need, you continually demonstrated an unwavering dedication to the foundational principle of equal justice to all. Your career has been one defined by immense triumphs and an uncompromising devotion to the rule of law. This devotion is particularly reflected by the Courtroom in Philadelphia bearing your name—standing as a symbol of your remarkable contributions to the judiciary and as a guarantee that your legacy will live on for generations to come.

As Governor, and on behalf of all Pennsylvanians, I am honored to congratulate you on a long and successful career. Please accept my best wishes for continued success.



GIVEN under my hand and the Seal of the Governor, at the City of Harrisburg, this ninth day of September two thousand twenty-five, the year of the Commonwealth the two hundred fiftieth.

Governor Josh Shapiro



House of Representatives
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
HARRISBURG

August 5, 2025

The Honorable Sandra Shultz Newman,
Madame Justice
Pennsylvania Supreme Court
Pennsylvania Judicial Center
601 Commonwealth Ave – Suite 1500
Harrisburg, PA 17106

Dear Madame Justice Newman:

I am writing to personally thank you for your decades of service to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and to congratulate you on the naming of the Supreme Court courtroom in Philadelphia in your honor.

This is truly a tremendous recognition and is testament to your groundbreaking tenure on Pennsylvania's highest court as the first female elected justice. Your professional achievements are impressive, and speak to a life of service, hard work, fairness, and a steadfast dedication to the rule of law. As a young lawyer – and fellow Villanova Law alumna – trying to navigate a male-dominated legal world in the mid 2000's, it was encouraging and empowering to witness a woman rise to the highest levels of our profession in Pennsylvania. You have served as a role model to me and countless other young women in law. In you, we saw, and continue to see, what is possible. For that, I am profoundly grateful – knowing full well that this achievement was not without challenges or personal sacrifice.

As the first female Speaker of the House in Pennsylvania, I know the pressure and awesome responsibility that comes with being “the first.” I also know that being the first opens the door for others to follow, while forging their own unique paths in the process. It is truly remarkable to consider that since your election to the Supreme Court in 1995, there have been four more women that have been elected to the Court, including our current Chief Justice Debra Todd. It is obvious we have made great strides collectively, but more work needs to be done to achieve true gender parity. I am confident we will get there thanks to trailblazers like you and the generations of young legal minds you have inspired.

The naming of the courtroom in Philadelphia will be a constant reminder to future generations of your groundbreaking status and your many achievements. I join the chorus of other elected

officials and legal professionals in congratulating you on this honor and to thank you for your many years of service to our judicial system.

With great admiration and appreciation, I am,

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joanna E. McClinton". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and a long, sweeping underline.

Joanna E. McClinton, Speaker
PA House of Representatives
191st Legislative District

Senate of Pennsylvania



HARRISBURG, PA

Congratulations

In the Senate, August 1, 2025

Whereas, *The Honorable Sandra Schultz Newman, a former Justice of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, is being recognized with the dedication of the Supreme Court courtroom in Philadelphia in her honor during an event, which will be held on September 9, 2025; and*

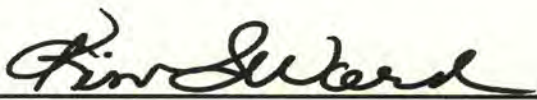
Whereas, *A graduate of Drexel University, Ms. Newman earned a master's degree from Temple University and a Juris Doctor degree from the Villanova University School of Law. She served Montgomery County as Assistant District Attorney for two years and worked in private practice from 1972 to 1979. Ms. Newman then served as a Senior Partner with Astor, Weiss & Newman until 1993. She is lauded as the first woman to be elected as a Judge of the Commonwealth Court, a position she held from 1994 to 1995, and as a Justice of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, serving from 1996 to 2006. During her tenure, Ms. Newman heard a broad range of cases, certified numerous Third Circuit and United States Supreme Court cases and served on the Judicial Council and as the liaison to the First Judicial District; and*

Whereas, *An attorney for Cozen O'Connor from 2006 to 2008, Ms. Newman worked as an Arbitrator and Mediator for ADR Options, Inc., from 2008 to 2011 and has served in the same capacity with Newman ADR since 2012. The author of several publications, she has lectured at many law schools and has held numerous appointments over the years. Ms. Newman served the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers as a member of the Board of Managers from 1978 until 1994, and she has served the organization's Pennsylvania chapter as Treasurer, Secretary, Vice President and President. A Fellow of the International Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers and the American and Pennsylvania Bar Foundations, she is a member of the American Judicature Society, The American Law Institute, the National Association of Women Judges and the Philadelphia, Montgomery, Pennsylvania and American Bar Associations.*

Now therefore, *the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania congratulates The Honorable Sandra Schultz Newman upon her richly deserved recognition; offers best wishes for continued success in all future endeavors;*

And directs *that a copy of this document, sponsored by Senator Kim L. Ward, be transmitted to The Honorable Sandra Schultz Newman.*




Kim Ward, President Pro Tempore

Attest:


Michael C. Gerdes, Secretary



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The Hon. Sandra Schultz Newman, Madame Justice.
Pennsylvania Supreme Court
Pennsylvania Judicial Center
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September 8, 2025

Dear Madame Justice Newman:

Congratulations on the honor bestowed today!

I want to recognize your remarkable path as the first woman elected to our state's Supreme Court. You will forever inspire current and future female lawyers in Pennsylvania. Your trailblazing story makes all Pennsylvanians proud of your fairness, courage, and strength.

I am grateful the Supreme Court is honoring you. This recognition is more than just you being the first woman elected. It also reflects the quality of your work, your attention to detail and probing questions, your respect for law enforcement and victims, and your unequivocal sense of fairness and professionalism.

The legitimacy of our courts often rests on the work of individual members. Your legacy continues to shine, inspiring future generations of attorneys.

For your work, your approach, and for the doors you have opened, we owe you our deepest respect and gratitude.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "David Sunday, Jr." with a stylized flourish at the end.

David W. Sunday, Jr.

Attorney General



COMMONWEALTH COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA

**Resolution Recognizing the Honorable Sandra Schultz Newman
on the Occasion of the Dedication of the
Madame Justice Sandra Schultz Newman Supreme Court Courtroom**

Whereas, the Honorable Sandra Schultz Newman is worthy of honor and recognition for her distinguished service to the people of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the Commonwealth Court of Pennsylvania, and the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania; and

Whereas, Justice Newman was admitted to the Pennsylvania Bar in 1972 and began her legal career in public service as an Assistant District Attorney in Montgomery County, making history as the first woman to hold that position in the County, and following her time in the District Attorney's Office, entered private practice, eventually becoming a senior partner with Astor, Weiss & Newman during a successful two-decade legal career; and

Whereas, a trailblazer for women, in 1993, Justice Newman was elected to the Commonwealth Court – becoming only the fifth woman to serve on the Court – and two years later, she ran successfully for the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, becoming the first woman elected to the Commonwealth's highest court and only the third to serve as a Justice on that court; and

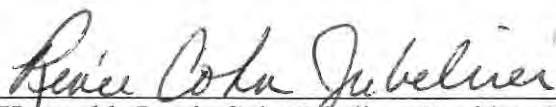
Whereas, dedicated to the importance of educating and creating opportunities for future generations of students entering the legal profession, Justice Newman helped found the Drexel University Thomas R. Kline School of Law; and

Whereas, Justice Newman retired from the bench in 2006, leaving a distinguished legacy which has become a guiding force and inspiration for young lawyers, especially women;

Now therefore, the Commonwealth Court of Pennsylvania recognizes Justice Newman for her extraordinary contributions to the Pennsylvania judicial system, thanks her for her unwavering devotion to public service, and congratulates her on the occasion of the dedication of Supreme Court's historic Philadelphia courtroom as the Madame Justice Sandra Schultz Newman Supreme Court Courtroom.

Resolved that this Resolution shall be presented to the Honorable Sandra Schultz Newman on the 9th day of September, 2025, and a copy entered and maintained in the Ceremonial Docket of the Commonwealth Court of Pennsylvania.




The Honorable Renée Cohn Jubelirer, President Judge
Commonwealth Court of Pennsylvania

Tom Ridge

September 9, 2025

The Honorable Sandra Schultz Newman
Pennsylvania Supreme Court
Pennsylvania Judicial Center
601 Commonwealth Avenue – Suite 1500
Harrisburg, PA 17112

Dear Madam Justice Newman:

It is with great pride and admiration that I write to congratulate you on the extraordinary honor of having the Supreme Court courtroom in Philadelphia dedicated in your name.

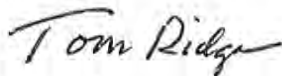
This tribute is well-deserved and a powerful testament to a career defined by integrity, intellect, and dedication to justice. As the first female Assistant District Attorney in Montgomery County, later elected to Pennsylvania's Commonwealth Court in 1993 and the Supreme Court in 1995, you have inspired generations of legal professionals across the Commonwealth.

Your leadership on the bench, your dedication to fairness, and your trailblazing spirit have left a permanent mark on Pennsylvania's legal history. The courtroom that now bears your name will stand as a lasting symbol of your legacy and your commitment to public service and commitment to the justice system.

On behalf of a grateful Commonwealth—and as someone privileged to have served alongside you in public life—please accept my heartfelt congratulations. I hope you take great pride in this moment, and in the knowledge that your work will continue to inspire all who enter that courtroom in pursuit of justice.

With warmest regards and deepest respect, I am

Sincerely,



Tom Ridge
First Secretary, U.S. Department of Homeland Security
43rd Governor of Pennsylvania



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August 25, 2025

Supreme Court of Pennsylvania
Pennsylvania Judicial Center
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Friends of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania,

Today, the Pennsylvania Bar Association is proud to recognize and celebrate the extraordinary legacy of Justice Sandra Schultz Newman —whose career shaped the legal fabric of our commonwealth and whose trailblazing spirit has opened doors for countless others.

Justice Newman holds a singular place in Pennsylvania's legal history. After 20 years in private trial and appellate practice, she was the first female Assistant District Attorney in Montgomery County. Later, when she became the first woman elected to the Pennsylvania Supreme Court, her election marked a milestone for our profession and served as a beacon of possibility for future generations of lawyers and judges.

Throughout her distinguished career, Justice Newman exemplified the highest ideals of our legal system: fairness, independence, strong intellectual rigor and an unwavering commitment to justice. Her opinions reflect a deep respect for the law and an understanding of the impact on Pennsylvanian's everyday lives.

The Pennsylvania Bar Association is honored to celebrate in this room dedication. Justice Newman, on behalf of the Pennsylvania Bar Association, thank you.

Regards,


Matthew Holliday



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August 12, 2025

To Whom It May Concern:

It is my distinct honor, on behalf of the Lawyers' Club of Philadelphia, to recognize and celebrate the extraordinary career and enduring legacy of Madame Justice Sandra Schultz Newman, whose contributions to the Pennsylvania Bench, Bar, and broader community are truly unparalleled.

Justice Newman is a trailblazer—the first woman to serve as Assistant District Attorney in Montgomery County, one of the first women to establish a prominent matrimonial practice, and the first woman elected to the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania. During her tenure on the Supreme Court from 1996 to 2006, Justice Newman authored more than 370 opinions that developed and clarified many important aspects of Pennsylvania law, including application of the state and federal constitutions, capital punishment, environmental and matrimonial law, and many more. These decisions, and Justice Newman's dedication to scholarship and the rule of law, have shaped the Commonwealth's legal landscape in ways that will resonate for generations.

In each phase of her remarkable career, as attorney, jurist, author, professor, mediator, and prominent member of the organized bar, Justice Newman has served as a mentor and inspiration to pursue excellence with integrity and courage. She has received many well-deserved accolades, including the Susan B. Anthony and Anne X. Alpern Awards and selection as a Distinguished Daughter of Pennsylvania, but the naming of the Supreme Court's historic Philadelphia courtroom in her honor serves as an especially enduring tribute to her dedication to the Pennsylvania judiciary and legal community. All who enter the Justice Sandra Schultz Newman Courtroom will be reminded of the fairness and commitment to the rule of law that her life and career have exemplified.

On behalf of the Lawyers' Club of Philadelphia, I extend our deepest congratulations to Justice Newman on this well-deserved honor, and our profound gratitude for the indelible mark she has left on the Pennsylvania Bar and the Commonwealth she has served so well.

Respectfully,
Mohamed N. Bakry
President