

Pamela A. Carlos Will Be A United States Magistrate Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania

The United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania announces that Pamela A. Carlos will be sworn in as a United States Magistrate Judge on November 12, 2021. She succeeds Magistrate Judge Henry S. Perkin and will sit in Allentown.

Prior to her appointment as a Magistrate Judge, Judge Carlos worked as an Assistant District Attorney for the Office of the District Attorney of Philadelphia where she finished her career in the Major Trial Division. In 1993, she joined the law firm of Bennett, Bricklin and Saltzburg, LLC. In 1997, Judge Carlos was elected a member at Bennett, Bricklin, the second female equity member since the firm's inception in 1946. Upon her membership, she was appointed head of the firm's Special Investigative Unit practice group.

With the increase of litigation following enactment of the Pennsylvania Bad Faith statute in 1990, Judge Carlos developed expertise in the areas of bad faith and insurance coverage litigation in both the state and federal courts. In 2004, she was appointed Chair of Bennett, Bricklin's Bad Faith and Insurance Coverage practice group, a position she held until her retirement in 2021. Judge Carlos has regularly lectured on insurance-related topics for a number of organizations including the Pennsylvania Bar Institute and the Defense Research Institute. In addition to her involvement in bad faith and insurance coverage litigation, Judge Carlos also continued to litigate complex casualty claims with a focus on sexual molestation litigation.

In 2009, Judge Carlos became the first woman elected to serve on Bennett, Bricklin's Executive Committee, which oversees management of all firm operations and departments. She also served as the Chair of the firm's Diversity Committee. During her leadership tenure, the firm experienced continuous growth in the area of diverse employment, gaining recognition in PaLaw's Annual Report on the State of the Profession, with respect to its percentage of minority and female attorneys.

Judge Carlos is a 1986 graduate of Franklin and Marshall College in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. She obtained her Juris Doctor from Temple University's Beasley School of Law in 1989, where she was also a member of the school's Moot Court Team.