



Thomas M. Golden

Born: November 1, 1947, in Pottsville, Pennsylvania

Died: July 31, 2010, in Reading, Pennsylvania

Federal Judicial Service:

Judge, U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania

Nominated by George W. Bush on January 25, 2006, to a seat vacated by Franklin Van Antwerpen.

Confirmed by the Senate on May 4, 2006, and received commission on June 13, 2006.

Service terminated on July 31, 2010, due to death.

Education:

Pennsylvania State University, B.A., 1969

Dickinson School of Law (now Penn State Dickinson Law), J.D., 1972

Professional Career:

Private Practice, Pennsylvania: 1972-2006

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Judicial Biography

Born in Pottsville, Judge Golden graduated from Reading Central Catholic High School in 1965. He earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in history from the Pennsylvania State University in 1969. While at Penn State, Judge Golden was a member of Lion's Paw and Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity. He received his Juris Doctorate from the Dickinson School of Law in 1972.

Judge Golden began his legal career in 1972, at Stevens and Lee in Reading, where he ultimately became a partner. In 1979, he joined Howard M. Fry in a partnership for the general

practice of law, which grew to become the law firm of Golden Masano & Bradley. He served as the managing partner of the firm for 25 years.

He was appointed by President George W. Bush in June of 2006 as judge of the court.

Judge Golden served as the 109th President of the Pennsylvania Bar Association (PBA) in 2003. Prior to this, he held numerous offices in the PBA and its affiliates. He was an active member of the Berks County Bar Association, serving as its President in 1993.

Judge Golden received a variety of awards and honors. Alvernia University awarded him an honorary doctorate for his service to the community and the legal profession. He received two President's Awards from the PBA for his outstanding leadership. In addition, Judge Golden received the Berks County Bar Association Presidential Award for Distinguished Service and the Hyman Award for outstanding service to the Bar of Berks County.

Organizations he served before becoming a judge included the Caron Foundation, Berks County Republican Executive Committee, Republican National Lawyers Association, Council of Legal Advisors for the Republican National Committee and the United Way of Berks County. He was a member of the Board of Counselors of Penn State University's Dickinson School of Law.

Judge Golden's service on the court ended with his death on July 31, 2010 in Reading, Pennsylvania.

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Biographical Materials

1. Program for Portrait Unveiling of the Late Honorable Thomas M. Golden, November 17, 2017.