



Kelley Brisbon Hodge

Born: 1971, in Abington, Pennsylvania

Federal Judicial Service:

Judge, U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania
Nominated by Joseph R. Biden, Jr. on July 12, 2022, to a seat vacated by Petrese B. Tucker.
Confirmed by the Senate on December 6, 2022, and received commission on December 23, 2022.

Education:

University of Virginia, B.A., 1993
University of Richmond T.C. Williams School of Law (now University of Richmond School of Law), J.D., 1996

Professional Career:

Assistant Public Defender, Richmond Virginia: 1997-2003; Assistant Public Defender I: 1997-1999; Assistant Public Defender II: 1999-2001; Senior Assistant Public Defender: 2001-2003
Assistant District Attorney, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania: 2004-2011; Assistant Chief, Municipal Court Unit: 2007-2009; Chief, Municipal Court Unit: 2009-2010; Assistant Chief, Juvenile Court Unit: 2010-2011
Adjunct Professor, Drexel University Thomas R. Kline School of Law: 2010, 2011
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency: 2011-2015; Safe Schools Advocate: 2011-2015; Acting Director, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention: 2015
Title IX Coordinator and Executive Assistant to the President, University of Virginia: 2015-2016
Private Practice, Blue Bell, Pennsylvania: 2016-2017, 2018-2020
District Attorney, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania: 2017-2018
Adjunct Professor, University of Pennsylvania Carey Law School: 2019-
Private Practice, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania: 2020-2022
Adjunct Professor, University of Virginia School of Law: 2021-

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Judicial Biography

Judge Hodge was born in Abington, Pennsylvania. She grew up in Montgomery County and attended elementary school at Ancillae-Assumpta Academy in Wyncote, Pennsylvania. She attended high school at Mount Saint Joseph Academy, an all-girls Catholic college preparatory school, in Flourtown, Pennsylvania, graduating in 1989. She graduated from the University of Virginia in 1993 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Foreign Affairs and in Spanish Language and Literature. She then attended the University of Richmond School of Law in Richmond, Virginia receiving the McCaul Martins Evans and Cooke scholarship and graduated with her Juris Doctor in 1996.

Prior to joining the federal bench, Judge Hodge was a partner in private practice in the labor and employment practice group of Fox Rothschild LLP in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Prior to joining Fox Rothschild LLP, she had served as the 25th District Attorney of Philadelphia after being elected in 2017 by the Board of Judges for the Court of Common Pleas for the First Judicial District. Upon her election, she became the first African American woman to lead the District Attorney's office in its 167-year history and the first African American woman to lead a District Attorney's Office in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

As an attorney, she practiced law in the Commonwealths of Pennsylvania and Virginia, starting her legal career as a public defender in Richmond, Virginia in 1997 and then relocated to Philadelphia where she joined the Philadelphia District Attorney's office in 2004. Before becoming District Attorney, she was the first independent Title IX Coordinator at the University of Virginia. Additionally, during her career, she was appointed by two Pennsylvania Governors to serve on statewide commissions that focused on school safety, juvenile justice and citizen's review of law enforcement. Over her twenty-five years as an attorney, she developed an extensive and comprehensive trial, litigation and compliance practice focusing on education law, criminal law, government policy advising, discrimination and civil rights.

She has served as a lecturer in law at the University of Pennsylvania Carey Law School and the University of Virginia School of Law. She has sat on numerous boards, has been recognized by various legal and professional entities and is a member of a number of community-centered organizations.

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