



J. Curtis Joyner

Born: 1948, in Newberry, South Carolina

**Federal Judicial Service:**

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

Nominated by George H.W. Bush on November 5, 1991, to a new seat authorized by 104 Stat. 5089.

Confirmed by the Senate on April 8, 1992, and received commission on April 13, 1992. Served as Chief Judge, 2011-2013. Assumed senior status on May 1, 2013.

Service terminated on September 15, 2021, due to retirement.

**Education:**

National Judicial College

Central State University, Ohio, B.S., 1971

Howard University School of Law, J.D., 1974

**Professional Career:**

Legal Publications Specialist, U.S. Office of the Federal Register: 1974-1975

Private Practice, West Chester, Pennsylvania: 1975-1987

Chester County, Pennsylvania District Attorney's Office: 1975-1987; Assistant District Attorney: 1975-1980; Chief Deputy District Attorney: 1980-1984; First Assistant District Attorney: 1984-1987

Judge, Court of Common Pleas of Chester County, Pennsylvania: 1987-1992

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## Judicial Biography

Judge Joyner received a Bachelor of Science degree from Central State University in Ohio in 1971 and a Juris Doctor from Howard University School of Law in 1974. He also attended the National Judicial College at the University of Nevada in Reno. He was a legal publications specialist, United States Office of the Federal Register, Washington, D.C. from 1974 to 1975. He was in private practice in West Chester, Pennsylvania from 1975 to 1987. He was an Assistant District Attorney of Chester County, Pennsylvania from 1975 to 1980. He was a Chief Deputy District Attorney of Chester County from 1980 to 1984, and First Assistant District Attorney of that jurisdiction from 1984 to 1987. He was a judge on the Court of Common Pleas, 15<sup>th</sup> Judicial District, Chester County, Pennsylvania from 1987 to 1992.

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