



James McGirr Kelly

Born: March 24, 1928, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Died: March 5, 2005, in Overbrook, Pennsylvania

Federal Judicial Service:

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

Nominated by Ronald Reagan on June 21, 1983, to a seat vacated by E. Mac Troutman.

Confirmed by the Senate on August 4, 1983, and received commission on August 6, 1983.

Assumed senior status on March 31, 1996.

Service terminated on March 5, 2005, due to death.

Education:

University of Pennsylvania, Wharton School, B.S., 1951

Temple University School of Law (now James E. Beasley School of Law), J.D., 1957

Professional Career:

U.S. Navy: 1951-1953

Law Clerk, Hon. Edward J. Griffiths, Court of Common Pleas of Philadelphia County,

Pennsylvania: 1957-1958

Assistant District Attorney, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania: 1958-1960

Assistant U.S. Attorney, Eastern District of Pennsylvania: 1960-1962

Private Practice, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania: 1962-1983

Master, Jury Selection Board, Court of Common Pleas of Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania:
1963-1964

Special Assistant Attorney General, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania: 1964-1965

Adjunct Professor of Business Law, Drexel University: 1965-1989

Member, Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission: 1967-1977

Vice President of Regulatory Practices, American Water Works Company: 1977-1983

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Judicial Biography

Judge James McGirr Kelly was named to the bench by President Ronald Reagan in 1983.

From 1951 to 1953 he served as a gunnery officer in the United States Navy.

He served as a law clerk for Judge Edward J. Griffiths of the Court of Common Pleas of Philadelphia from 1957 to 1958. He was an assistant district attorney in Philadelphia from 1958 to 1960. He was an assistant United States Attorney of the Eastern District of Pennsylvania from 1960 to 1962. He was in private practice in Philadelphia from 1962 to 1983. He was a Master of the Jury Selection Board for the Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas from 1963 to 1964. He was a special assistant attorney general of Pennsylvania from 1964 to 1965. He was an adjunct professor of business law at Drexel University from 1965 to 1989. He was a member of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission from 1967 to 1977. He was a Vice President of regulatory practices at American Water Works Company from 1977 to 1983.

He assumed senior status on March 31, 1996 and continued in that role until his death on March 5, 2005, in Overbrook, Pennsylvania at the age of 76.