



Gene E.K. Pratter

Born: February 25, 1949, in Chicago, Illinois
Died: May 17, 2024, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Federal Judicial Service:

Judge, U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania
Nominated by George W. Bush on November 3, 2003, to a seat vacated by William H. Yohn.
Confirmed by the Senate on June 15, 2004, and received commission on June 16, 2004.
Service terminated on May 17, 2024, due to death.

Education:

Stanford University, A.B., 1971
University of Pennsylvania Law School (now Carey Law School), J.D., 1975

Professional Career:

Private Practice: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania: 1975-2004

Other Nominations/Recess Appointments:

Nominated to U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, November 15, 2007; nomination withdrawn by President on July 24, 2008.

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Judicial Biography

Judge Pratter was a graduate of Stanford University and the University of Pennsylvania Carey Law School.

She spent nearly 30 years, from 1975 to 2004, at the law firm of Duane Morris. She focused on civil litigation and professional liability, and became one of the firm's first female partners in 1983.

She chaired the firm's ethics committee and, as its first general counsel from 1999 to 2004, oversaw hundreds of lawyers in dozens of offices.

She also served as a mediator and arbitrator for the American Arbitration Association, and did pro bono work for Philadelphia charter schools and other community organizations. She taught legal ethics and trial advocacy at the University of Pennsylvania's Carey Law School for more than 20 years, served as chair of the law school's American Inn of Court, and served on the school's board of overseers in the 1990's.

She had season tickets to the Phillies for years and rode in the Devon Horse Show. Her favorite getaway was to a cottage on Nantucket Island in Massachusetts.

She served on boards at local schools and was active at St. John Vianney Church in Gladwyne, Pennsylvania.

At the time of her passing, she was presiding over the multidistrict litigation case involving numerous lawsuits against Novo Nordisk and Eli Lilly alleging failure to warn people about serious side effects related to weight loss drugs Ozempic and Mounjaro.

Judge Pratter died in Philadelphia on May 17, 2024, at the age of 75.