



Jay C. Waldman

Born: November 16, 1944, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Died: May 30, 2003, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Federal Judicial Service:

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

Nominated by Ronald Reagan on August 3, 1988, to a seat vacated by Daniel H. Huyett, III.

Confirmed by the Senate on October 14, 1988, and received commission on October 17, 1988.

Service terminated on May 30, 2003, due to death.

Education:

University of Wisconsin, B.S., 1966

University of Pennsylvania Law School (now Carey Law School), LL.B., 1969

Professional Career:

Law Clerk, Hon. Gwilym A. Price, Jr., Court of Common Pleas of Allegheny County, Pennsylvania: 1969-1970

Private Practice, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania: 1970-1971

Assistant U.S. Attorney, Western District of Pennsylvania: 1971-1975

Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, U.S. Department of Justice: 1975-1977

Director, Thornburgh for Governor Committee, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania: 1978

Counsel, Gov. Richard L. Thornburgh, Pennsylvania: 1979-1981

General Counsel, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania: 1981-1986

Commissioner, Pennsylvania Convention Center Authority: 1986-1988

Private Practice, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania: 1986-1988

Other Nominations/Recess Appointments:

Nominated to U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, July 26, 1991; no Senate vote.

Manuscript Collections:

Papers of Jay C. Waldman, 1968-2003.

30 Linear ft. (24 boxes); finding aid. The material in this collection reflects the expansive responsibilities Waldman amassed in his fifteen years of service as an aide to Dick Thornburgh. In addition to his native ability and advice, it is well known and documented that Waldman and Thornburgh not only worked well together, but also respected and admired one another. Waldman's collection and that of Dick Thornburgh are significantly linked together, as many topics and issues are specifically intertwined. The collection contains correspondence, memoranda, issues, research and polling, news clippings, and legal case documents. The majority of the materials in this collection date from 1968 to 2003. Waldman's contributions in each of his fifteen years of public service are reflected in these personal papers. However, as one who did not commit much to paper, the files are diverse and thin in some respects. They do reflect Waldman's expansive responsibilities in each position and the issues addressed. Waldman's ideas are particularly well represented in his memoranda during the first campaign for governor (1977-1978) and in reports and memoranda to Dick Thornburgh in the Department of Justice years.

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Judicial Biography

Judge Waldman earned an undergraduate degree from the University of Wisconsin and his law degree in 1969 from the University of Pennsylvania.

He began his legal career clerking for a state court judge in Pittsburgh, spent a brief time in private practice, and then joined the federal prosecutor's office in Pittsburgh in 1971, when Richard L. Thornburgh was the U.S. Attorney there. The two men worked together for most of the next two decades, including the eight years in which he served as Gov. Richard L. Thornburgh's general counsel. In that post, he was Thornburgh's legislative strategist, regularly visiting the legislature.

After Thornburgh's administration ended in January 1987, Judge Waldman was a member of the Turnpike Commission and worked for a Center City law firm before being nominated to the federal bench in 1988 by President Ronald Reagan.

Prior to his death, Judge Waldman had been nominated by President George H.W. Bush to a seat on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit.

His service as a district judge was terminated due to his death on May 30, 2003 in Philadelphia, at the age of 58.