



Gail A. Weilheimer

Born: 1970, in Syracuse, New York

Federal Judicial Service:

Judge, U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania
Nominated by Joseph R. Biden, Jr. on July 8, 2024, to a seat vacated by Gene E.K. Pratter.
Confirmed by the Senate on December 3, 2024, and received commission on January 2, 2025.

Education:

Hofstra University, B.A., 1992
Hofstra University School of Law, J.D., 1995

Professional Career:

Assistant District Attorney, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania: 1995-2002
Instructor, National Institute of Trial Advocacy, Hofstra University School of Law: 1998-2005
Instructor, Intensive Trial Advocacy Program, Widener University School of Law: 1999-2011
Private Practice, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania: 2002-2013
Adjunct Professor, Widener University School of Law: 2002, 2003, 2006
Commissioner, Abington Township, Pennsylvania: 2004-2008
Solicitor (Part Time), Montgomery County, Pennsylvania: 2008-2013
Judge, Court of Common Pleas of Montgomery County, Pennsylvania: 2014-2024; Family Court: 2014-2016; Criminal Court: 2016-2018; Civil Division: 2018-2020, 2022-2024; Orphans' Court: 2020-2022; Competency Court: 2022-2024

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Judicial Biography

Judge Weilheimer took the oath of office on January 3, 2025, as a United States District Judge following more than a decade of service on the Montgomery County Court of Common Pleas. Elected to the county bench in 2013 and retained in 2023, she presided over cases across the Criminal, Civil, Family, and Orphans' Court divisions, and was widely recognized for her

innovative leadership in judicial reform related to mental health. Most notably, she created Pennsylvania's first Competency Court - a model that has since informed best practices across the Commonwealth.

Beyond the courtroom, Judge Weilheimer has consistently demonstrated a deep commitment to systemic improvement and public service. She chaired the state-wide Competency and Civil Commitment Committee, served as Vice-Chair of the Pennsylvania Mental Health Justice Advisory Committee, and was a member of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court's Behavioral Health Executive Committee. She also played an active role in judicial education, co-chairing Montgomery County's Continuing Judicial Education Committee and coordinating its Judicial Internship Program. A strong advocate for mentorship, she founded the Montgomery County Women's Networking Initiative and has been a consistent voice for professional development among women in the law.

She began her legal career as an Assistant District Attorney in Philadelphia, where she litigated more than 100 jury trials and thousands of bench trials. After moving to Montgomery County, she became actively involved with her community. In 2003 she was elected to the Abington Township Board of Commissioners and volunteered regularly in Abington's public schools. For the eight years prior to serving as a state court trial judge, Judge Weilheimer was Senior Counsel at Wisler Pearlstine, LLP, during which she also served as legal counsel to the Montgomery County Clerk of Courts and co-counsel to the Shapiro/Richards Transition Team. Throughout her professional career she demonstrated her commitment to enhancing the legal profession by teaching trial advocacy at local law schools, presenting at numerous continuing legal and judicial education programs and serving as an instructor for the National Institute for Trial Advocacy.

Judge Weilheimer earned both her B.A. and J.D. from Hofstra University. While at Hofstra she was selected as a Harry S. Truman Scholar, a prestigious U.S. national award recognizing academic excellence, leadership and promise in public service.

Judge Weilheimer was nominated by President Joseph R. Biden, Jr. to become a United States District Court Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania on July 8, 2024, and was confirmed by the United States Senate on December 3, 2024. She received her commission from President Biden on January 2, 2025.

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Biographical Materials

1. Transcript of Investiture Ceremony of The Honorable Gail A. Weilheimer as Judge of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania held on Thursday, May 15, 2025.