

**THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA**

NOTICE

The United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania is pleased to welcome the Honorable Elizabeth L. Toplin as a United States Magistrate Judge. Judge Toplin took the oath of office on July 8, 2026.

Prior to joining the bench, Ms. Toplin spent 19 years as an Assistant Federal Defender in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. Before joining the Federal Community Defender Office, she worked for ten years as an Assistant Defender with the Defender Association of Philadelphia, and for one year as an attorney at the Bronx Defenders. Ms. Toplin is a graduate of Columbia College and The Temple University Beasley School of Law.

As an attorney, Ms. Toplin handled a variety of cases, including complex and high-profile criminal cases throughout the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

Ms. Toplin has served as an adjunct criminal law professor at the Temple University Beasley School of Law. She has regularly presented at trainings for attorneys under the Criminal Justice Act in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, on a variety of subjects relevant to federal criminal practice. She has served as an executive member of the Federal Criminal Law Committee for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

Ms. Toplin participated with the Supervision to Aid Reentry (STAR) Program in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania and has lectured to various audiences nationally about the STAR program. In 2018, she was honored by the Federal Criminal Law Committee as a recipient of the Clifford Scott Green Bill of Rights Award for her outstanding work with the STAR Program and devotion to the Bill of Rights.

Ms. Toplin serves as an executive member of the Board of Directors of the Green Byrne Childcare Center, a nationally recognized, non-profit childcare center located in the William J. Green Federal Building.

Ms. Toplin was born and raised in Center City, Philadelphia and currently resides in Montgomery County with her husband and two sons.

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Clerk of Court
July 8, 2026