

Justice Cynthia A. Baldwin

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Term

February 16, 2006-January 2008

Education

- Penn State University, B.A., 1966; M.A., 1974
- Duquesne University School of Law, J.D., 1980
- Member, Duquesne Law Review, 1978-1980



Professional Experience

- English Teacher, McKeesport Area School District, Secondary Level, 1966-1971
- Human Relations Counselor, Junior High level, McKeesport Area School District, 1971-1972
- Study Skills Instructor, Pennsylvania State University, McKeesport Campus, 1974-1976
- English Instructor, Pennsylvania State University, McKeesport Campus, Fall 1976
- Assistant Dean of Student Affairs in charge of Educational Opportunity Program, Pennsylvania State University, McKeesport Campus, 1976-1977
- Law Clerk, Hollinshead and Mendelson, 1979
- Admitted to the Pennsylvania bar, U.S. District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania, 1980; U.S. Supreme Court, 1985
- Staff Attorney, Reginald Heber Smith Fellowship, Neighborhood Legal Services, September 1980-October 1981
- Deputy Attorney General, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, October 1981-October 1983
- Attorney-in-Charge, Western Regional Office, Consumer Protection, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, October 1983-July 1986
- Adjunct Professor of Law, Duquesne University School of Law, September 1984-June 1986
- Visiting Professor, Duquesne University School of Law, August 1986-August 1987
- Lawyer, Palkovitz and Palkovitz, August 1987-December 1989
- Adjunct Professor, Duquesne University School of Law, August 1989-2001
- Elected Judge, Court of Common Pleas of Allegheny County, November 1989, retained November 1999
- Judge, Court of Common Pleas of Allegheny County, January 1990 to February 16, 2006
- Governor Ed Rendell nominated Baldwin, Justice, Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, on January 3, 2006; confirmed by Senate on February 15, 2006
- Partner, Duane Morris, 2008
- General Counsel, Chief Legal Officer, Vice President, Pennsylvania State University, 2008-2013

Honors and Awards

- Honorary LL.D. degree, Point Park College, 1999
- Scrolls Senior Women's Honorary Society, Penn State University
- Award in Recognition of Contribution to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration, Penn State, New Kensington, 1992
- The Consortium of Doctors Award, Savannah Georgia, 1993
- Fulbright Scholarship Lecturer, University of Zimbabwe, Harare, Zimbabwe, 1994
- 1995 Distinguished Alumna, Pennsylvania State University, 1995
- Black Trailblazer Award in the Field of Law, Renaissance Publications, 1995
- Distinguished Daughters of Pennsylvania, named by Governor Tom Ridge, 1996
- Outstanding Achievement Award, Duquesne Law School Alumni Association, 1996
- Pittsburgh Woman of the Year in Law and Government, Vectors/Pittsburgh, 1998 (awarded in 1999)
- Susan B. Anthony Award, Women's Bar Association of Western Pennsylvania, 1998
- Barbara Stone Hollander Leadership Award, Chatham College, 1999

- Appreciation Award, Federal Energy Technology center, National Women's History Month, 1999
- Woman of the Year Award, Women's Law Association, Duquesne University School of Law, 1999
- Named a Pittsburgher of the Century-African American, Pittsburgh Magazine, 1999
- Mon Valley Newsmaker of the Century, McKeesport Daily News, 1999
- Named one of Pittsburgh Magazine's 40 African-American Leaders, 1999
- 2000 Alumni Fellow, Pennsylvania State University Alumni Association
- Athena Award Finalist, 1999 and 2000
- Children's Service Award, Mental Health Association of Allegheny County, 2003
- Woman of Spirit, Carlow College, 2004
- Community Service Award, Mt. Ararat Community Activity Center, Inc., 2004
- Leon Higginbotham Award, PBA Minority Bar Committee, 2006
- Leon Higginbotham Award, Barrister's Association, 2006
- Sylvia H. Rambo Award, Dickinson Law School of Penn State University, 2007
- Athena Award, Allegheny Conference on Community Development, 2007

Memberships and Associations

- Pennsylvania, Allegheny County Bar Associations
- Advisory Board, Penn State, McKeesport
- Advisory Board, Mon Valley Education Consortium, 1985-2001
- President, Penn State Alumni Association, 1989-1991
- Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency-Gubernatorial Appointee, 1990-2002
- Pennsylvania Conference of State Trial Judges
- Pennsylvania Conference of State Trial Judges Education Committee, Judicial Ethics Committee
- Master, American Inns of Court, Pittsburgh Chapter, 1992-1999
- Pennsylvania Conference of State Court Judges Task Force of Gender Fairness in the Courts;
- Executive Board, Homer S. Brown Law Association, Executive Board, 1993-1994; Board of Governors, 1994-1997
- Board of Directors, Executive Committee United Way, 1993-2005
- Secretary, American Inns of Court, Pittsburgh Chapter, 1994-1995
- Duquesne University Law Alumni Board, 1994-1999
- Member, Executive Committee, Matrimonial American Inn of Court, 1995-1996
- Master, Matrimonial American Inn of Court, 1995-1999
- Member, Sparks Society, College of Liberal Arts, Pennsylvania State University, 2003
- Pennsylvania State University Board of Trustees Elected Chair, January 23, 2004; Reelected January 21, 2005 (Gubernatorial Appointee, 1995; Reappointed 2002, 2003, January 2001, elected Vice-Chair), 1995-Present;
- President, Duquesne University Law Alumni Board, 1996-1997
- Duquesne University, Board of Directors (Executive Committee, 1997-2004), 1996-June 2005
- Member, Advisory Committee Greater Pittsburgh Literacy Council
- Animal Friends Advisory Board
- Member, House of Delegates, Pennsylvania Bar Association, 1991-2000
- Women's Representative At-Large, Board of Governors, Pennsylvania Bar Association, 1997-2000
- Homer S. Brown Law Association
- Pennsylvania Bar Association Commission on Justice Initiatives
- International Women's Forum
- National Association of Women Judges
- Association of Governing Boards of Colleges and Universities
- Lifetime Member Penn State-Alumni Association
- National Association of Women Judges
- Chair, Board of Trustees, Penn State University, 2004-2007
- Pennsylvania Commission on Judicial Independence
- Delta Sigma Theta Sorority

Publications

- Silhouettes, (History of African Americans in the Allegheny County Court System), 137 no. 12 Pittsburgh L.J., 3-20 (December 1989)
- Professionalism, 139 no. 2 Pittsburgh L.J. 43 (February 1991)
- Avoiding Abuse (of and Under State and Federal Acts), 120 no. 226 Pittsburgh L.J., p.1, 5 (December 1994)
- Land Distribution in Zimbabwe, 3 no. 3 Civil Litigation Update, 6 (Summer, 1998)
- All About Family Court, An Answer and Activity Book for Children in Court (1999)
- Baldwin, Cynthia A., Stewart J. Greenleaf, Andrew F. Susko. Remarks on the Continuing Legacy of Chief Justice Ralph J. Cappy. 47 Duquesne L. Rev. 579 (2009)
- Legon, Richard D., James M. Weaver, and Cynthia A. Baldwin, Leadership in Governance: The View from AGB=s Current and Former Board Chairs, 18 no. 5 Trusteeship 20 (Sept.-Oct. 2010)

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