



Judith Ann Lanzinger

Justice



When she was elected the 150th Supreme Court Justice in 2004, **Judith Ann Lanzinger** made history by becoming the only person ever elected to all four levels of the Ohio judiciary. She was re-elected to a second six-year term in 2010. Over the last 25 years, she has served on the Supreme Court, the 6th District Court of Appeals, the Lucas County Court of Common Pleas and the Toledo Municipal Court. This background gives her a wide-ranging perspective to understand how Supreme Court decisions affect the work of all judges in the state.

Jan. 1, 2005 - Judith Ann Lanzinger became the 150th Justice of the Supreme Court of Ohio. Her current term ends on Dec. 31, 2016.

The granddaughter of coal-miners and daughter of a carpenter, Justice Lanzinger was the first one in her family to attend college. She received a bachelor's degree magna cum laude in education and English from the University of Toledo. She then taught elementary school and started a family before earning a law degree cum laude at the University of Toledo College of Law where she was valedictorian of her class.

Justice Lanzinger practiced civil law with a corporation and then with a Toledo law firm before joining the bench. As a judge, she won scholarships to become one of the first to earn a master's degree in Judicial Studies from the National Judicial College and University of Nevada, Reno. The college recently recognized her for 12 years of faculty service.

The Justice enjoys speaking about the court system to community groups, especially to school children in the Law and Leadership program. She was an adjunct professor for 18 years at her former law school and has taught judicial courses throughout the United States, as well as in the former Soviet Union.

In the spring of 2010, she started a blog, <http://justicejudy.blogspot.com>, to educate the public about the judiciary. She is Ohio's representative for former Justice Sandra Day O'Connor's icivics.org, a national website that has a similar intent. She has a special interest in the use of technology and reads and writes Court opinions with the aid of her ever-present laptop.

Justice Lanzinger has performed extra-judicial service in her quarter of a century as a judge. She was first to chair the Supreme Court Commission on the Rules of Superintendence for Ohio Courts. Previously, she served as chairperson and a board member of the Ohio Judicial College. She is a charter member and past president of the Morrison R. Waite American Inn of Court, a group that mentors law students and new attorneys. She also served as co-chair of the Public Education and Awareness Task Force of the Ohio Courts Futures Commission and was a member of the Supreme Court of Ohio Board of Commissioners on Grievances & Discipline, as well as the Ohio Criminal Sentencing Commission.

Among her awards are the Toledo Junior Bar's Order of the Heel and the Arabella Babb Mansfield Award from the Toledo Women's Bar Association, both given for assistance to young lawyers. Her interests include music and art. She has been an organist and choir director and has performed in the Toledo Junior Bar Association's Gridiron shows in the '80s.

Married for more than 40 years, the Justice and her husband, Robert Lanzinger, live in Toledo and have a daughter, son, and son-in-law, who are all attorneys, and three grandchildren, who keep her well-balanced and enjoying life.

JUSTICE JUDITH ANN LANZINGER

PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT

- Supreme Court of Ohio Associate Justice — elected 2004, re-elected 2010
- 6th District Court of Appeals Ohio Appellate Judge — 2002-2004
- Lucas County Common Pleas Court —1988-2003; Administrative Judge 1996
- Toledo Municipal Court Judge —1985-1988 (Established Housing Court in 1988)
- University of Toledo College of Law Adjunct Professor —1988-current
- Shumaker, Loop and Kendrick, Associate —1981-1985
- The Toledo Edison Company, Attorney —1985-1988.

EDUCATION

- National Judicial College and University of Nevada-Reno —Master of Judicial Studies, Trial Judge Major, 1992
- University of Toledo College of Law — J.D, cum laude, 1977 Valedictorian; Law Review, 1976-77.
- University of Toledo — Bachelor of Education, magna cum laude, 1968 — Dual majors: English and Education. Kappa Delta Pi and Phi Kappa Phi Honoraries
- University of Memphis, Leadership Institute in Judicial Education 1997 — Institute for Faculty Excellence in Judicial Education, 1998
- Toledo Academy of Medicine — Internship, March 31-April 2, 2003
- CAPT, Chicago — Certification in Myers-Briggs Type Indicator Administration, 2000
- Lourdes Jr. College, Sylvania, Ohio — 1964-1966
- St. Clare Academy, Sylvania, Ohio — 1960-1963.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Chair, Supreme Court of Ohio Commission on Rules of Superintendence — 2006-2010
- Chair, Supreme Court of Ohio Style Manual Committee — 2008-2011
- Ohio Judicial College Chair — 2000-2001
- Ohio Futures Commission, Co-Chair of Public Education and Awareness Task Force — 1996-2000
- Ohio Judicial College, Board of Trustees —1995-2001
- Ohio Supreme Court, Continuing Legal Education Committee —1994-1995
- Ohio Criminal Sentencing Commission —1991-1997
- Commission on Grievances and Discipline of the Supreme Court of Ohio —1988-1991
- Life Fellow, Ohio State Bar Foundation, Class of 2000
- Ohio State Bar Association Member, Council of Delegates — 2000-2002
- The Toledo Legal Aid Society, Board Member —1988-1992
- Criminal Justice Coordinating Council, Board Member —1988-1989
- Dean's National Advisory Council, University of Toledo College of Law, 2009-2010
- University of Toledo Leadership Committee, Judith Herb College of Education — 2005-current
- Morrison R. Waite American Inn of Court, President — 2000-2002; Master, 1996-current
- President, Toledo Junior Bar Association — 1985-1986.

- Member of Junior Bar Executive Committee — 1979-86
- The Toledo Civil Service Commission, President —1984-85
- Toledo Bar Association, Member of Board of Trustees — 1982-85
- Board of Trustees of the Toledo Bar, Secretary — 1983-85
- Bishop’s Education Council — 2000-2004
- Diocesan Committee on Responses to Sexual Abuse — 1994-96
- Diocesan Lay Retirement Board, Trustee — 1988-97
- University of Toledo Law Alumni, Board Member — 1983-85
- President, Catholic Big Sisters — 1970-71

TEACHING, LECTURES, PUBLICATIONS

- Jan. 14, 2011— Address to Academy of Medicine, Toledo, Ohio
- Dec. 3, 2010 — “Remarks Honoring Judge Thomas Lipps for Service,” Cincinnati, Ohio
- Oct. 22, 2010 — “Ohio’s Disciplinary System,” Ohio State Bar Association
- Oct. 12, 2010 — “Risk Management Cases,” RIMS, Belmont Country Club, Toledo, Ohio
- Oct. 5, 2010 — “Supreme Court Then and Now,” Rotary Club, Port Clinton, Ohio
- Oct. 1, 2010 — “Discipline of Judges,” Probate Practice Seminar
- July 26, 2010 — Law and Leadership Institute Remarks, Toledo, Ohio
- May 18, 2010 — “Supreme Court Then and Now,” Rotary Club, Marion, Ohio
- May 12, 2010 — Inauguration of OWBA Officers, Columbus, Ohio
- May 12, 2010 — Commencement Address, University of Toledo College of Law
- May 7, 2010 — “Recent Real Estate Cases,” Ohio Land Title Association, Hilton Columbus
- May 5, 2010 — “Appellate Work at the Supreme Court,” Ohio State Bar Convention, Dayton, Ohio
- May 5, 2010 — Panel Discussion: Legal Profession Gender Bias, OSBA Forum, Dayton, Ohio
- May 4, 2010 — “Recent Opinions of the Supreme Court,” Farmers’ Insurance Group, Statehouse Atrium
- April 27, 2010 — Social Media Challenges,” Ohio Jury Management Association, Columbus, Ohio
- April 19, 2010 — “The Importance of Bail Bonds,” Ohio Bail Agents Association, Marion, Ohio
- March 30, 2010 — Speech to Northeast Ohio Mayors & City Managers Association, Cleveland, Ohio
- Feb. 12, 2010 — “Recent Health Care Cases,” The Ohio State University
- Jan. 25, 2010 — “Women in Law, ” University of Akron School of Law
- Dec. 18, 2009 — “Appealing to and Arguing at the Ohio Supreme Court,” Toledo Bar CLE
- Nov. 12, 2009 — Remarks to JADLI on its 10th Anniversary, Columbus, Ohio
- Oct. 28, 2009 — “Professional Etiquette,” UT College of Law, Toledo, Ohio
- Oct. 23, 2009 — “The Appellate Process in Juvenile Law,” Toledo, Ohio
- Oct. 2, 2009 — “Update on Probate Cases,” Warren Ohio
- July 31, 2009 — “Address to New Citizens,” Naturalization Ceremony, Toledo, Ohio
- July 30, 2009 — “Law and Leadership Speech,” Toledo, Ohio
- June 29, 2009 — Ohio Operating Engineers Apprenticeship and Training Graduation Remarks, Cleveland Ohio
- May 28, 2009 — “Recent Court Decisions,” Lake County Medical Society
- May 20, 2009 — Commencement Remarks at Ohio Northern College of Law, Ada, Ohio

- April 27, 2009 — “What is the Legal Profession?” Northview High School, Sylvania, Ohio
- April 10, 2009 — “What Have You Done for Me Lately? Lessons Learned from Judicial Campaigns” 38 U. Balt. L. Rev. 11, Fall 2008
- March 27, 2009 — “The Supreme Court – Then and Now,” Fremont and Clyde Exchange Clubs
- March 12, 2009 — “Practical Appellate Advocacy,” University of Toledo College of Law
- Nov. 17, 2008 — “Address to Newly Admitted Lawyers,” Bar Admissions Ceremony, Columbus, Ohio
- Oct. 13, 2008 — “Criminal Law Update,” Ohio Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, Warrensville Hts., Ohio
- Sept. 14-19, 2008 — “Ethical Issues in the Law,” National Judicial College, Ashland, Oregon
- July 21, 2008 — “Writing for Impact: Legal Writing,” Ohio Attorney General’s Office, Columbus, Ohio
- June 26, 2008 — Juvenile Court Clerks’ Speech, Columbus, Ohio
- April 25, 2008 — Address to Ohio Jury Management Association, Dublin, Ohio
- April 6, 2008 — Tribute to Women’s Law Student Association Scholarship Banquet, Toledo, Ohio
- March 12, 2007 — New Judges Orientation Seminar, Dublin, Ohio
- June 7, 2006 — Address to Probate Judges Association, Oregon, Ohio
- May 6, 2006 — “Commencement Address,” University of Toledo College of Law
- Oct. 26, 2006 — Fornoff Moot Court Competition, University of Toledo
- May 7, 2006 — Commencement Address, Owens Community College, Perrysburg, Ohio
- Oct. 27-28, 2005 — Ukraine Delegation escort, Washington, D.C.
- Oct. 21, 2005 — Bench Bar Conference, Inverness, Toledo, Ohio
- June 17, 2005 — “Views from the Ohio Supreme Court,” Salt Fork Resort
- Oct. 19, 2005 — Panel on Independent Judiciary, Capital Law School, Columbus, Ohio
- May 12, 2005 — Address to Newly Admitted Lawyers, Bar Admission Ceremony, Columbus, Ohio
- Oct. 19, 2003 — Women & Politics, Toledo, Ohio
- Oct. 10, 2003 — Bench Bar Panel, Inverness, Toledo, Ohio
- Oct. 3, 2003 — Voir Dire Issues, Ohio State Bar Association, Columbus, Ohio
- Aug. 10-14, 2003 — “Law & Ethics,” National Judicial College, Ashland, Oregon
- June 13, 2003 — Ohio Judicial College, Myers Briggs Class
- May 19, 2003 — Court of Appeals Update, 6th District Court of Appeals
- Oct. 29, 2002 — Panel on Tort Reform, Lourdes College, Sylvania, Ohio
- Oct. 5, 2001 — “View from the Bench: Direct and Cross-Examination,” Ohio State Bar Association CLE Institute, Wyndham Hotel, Toledo, Ohio
- Aug. 13-17, 2001 — “Great Issues in Law and Literature,” National Judicial College, Ashland, Oregon
- June 12, 2001 — “Ethics and Cinema,” Probate Judges’ Conference, The Breakers Hotel, Sandusky, Ohio
- March 17-18, 2001 — Reclaiming Futures Judicial Leadership, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, Reno, Nevada
- Dec. 11-12, 2000 — “Ethics and Cinema,” Ohio Judicial College, Columbus, Ohio
- Nov. 29, 2000 — “New Judges Orientation: Trial Management,” Ohio Judicial College, Columbus Convention Center
- Nov. 3, 2000 — “Advocacy, Professionalism and Substance Abuse,” Toledo Women’s Bar Association, Toledo, Ohio
- Oct. 5-6, 2000 — “Ethics and Cinema for Magistrates,” Ohio Judicial College, Akron, Ohio

- Oct. 15-16, 2000 — Ohio Judicial College Conference, Hueston Woods
- Sept. 28, 2000 — “View from the Bench: Direct and Cross-Examination,” Ohio State Bar Association CLE Institute, Radisson, Toledo, Ohio
- Sept. 7-8, 2000 — “The Judiciary: Interpreting the Vision” Moderator of panel discussion, Ohio Judicial College, Columbus, Ohio
- Aug. 18, 2000 — “Ethics and Cinema for Judges and Magistrates,” Ohio Judicial College, Findlay, Ohio
- May 12, 2000 — Commencement Address, Toledo Police Academy
- April 11, 2000 — Jury Management Conference, Ohio State Bar Foundation, Dublin, Ohio
- Feb. 24, 2000 — “More than Sex, Drugs and Money: Reporting on the Legal System,” Ohio State Bar Foundation, Columbus, Ohio
- Jan. 27-28, 2000 — Board of Trustees Retreat, Deer Creek State Park, Ohio
- Dec. 16, 1999 — “Law and Cinema,” Ohio Judicial College, Columbus, Ohio
- Oct. 11-12, 1999 — “General Jurisdiction, Jury Segments,” National Judicial College, Reno, Nevada
- Oct. 7-9, 1999 — “The National Symposium on the Future of Judicial Branch Education,” Adam’s Mark Hotel, St. Louis, Missouri
- Oct. 1, 1999 — “View from the Bench: Pretrial Procedures and Settlement,” Ohio State Bar Association CLE Institute, Toledo, Ohio
- Sept. 29-30, 1999 — “Ohio Conclave on Education for the Legal Profession,” Ohio State Bar Association, Columbus, Ohio
- Sept. 9-10, 1999 — “The Scope of Judicial Power,” Discussion Moderator, Adams Mark Hotel, Columbus, Ohio
- April 29-30, 1999 — “Ethics and Cinema, Ohio Judicial College, Cincinnati, Ohio
- April 20, 1999 — “Judicial Practice for Judges: A Workshop in Judicial Decision-Making,” Ohio Judicial College, Columbus, Ohio
- March 22-23, 1999 — “Law and Cinema,” Ohio Judicial College, Sheraton Suites, Columbus, Ohio
- Dec. 17-18, 1998 — “Law and Cinema,” Ohio Judicial College, Columbus, Ohio
- Oct. 22, 1998 — “You Be the Judge,” Fremont, Sandusky, Ohio
- April 21, 1998 — “Progress of Women in the Legal Profession,” Women in Communications, Toledo, Ohio
- July 27-Aug. 1, 1997 — “Decision Making,” National Judicial College, Reno, Nevada
- May 29, 1997 — “Continuing Legal Education Seminar: Senate Bill 2,” Wood County Bar Association
- April 3, 1997 — “Felony Sentencing Course for Judges,” Ohio Judicial College, Columbus, Ohio
- Sept. 29-Oct. 4, 1996 — “Decision Making,” National Judicial College, Reno, Nevada
- Aug. 4-9, 1996 — “Law, Ethics and Justice,” National Judicial College, Ashland, Oregon
- June 19-21, 1996 — “Are You Ready? (For S.B. 2, That Is),” Ohio Common Pleas Judges Association, Radisson Harbour Inn, Sandusky, Ohio
- June 18, 1996 — “Felony Sentencing,” Ohio Judicial College, Sandusky, Ohio
- April 19, 1996 — “Senate Bill 2 and Probation,” Ohio Judicial College, Columbus, Ohio
- March 29, 1996 — “Felony Sentencing,” Ohio Judicial College, Hilton, Akron, Ohio
- March 22, 1996 — “Felony Sentencing,” Ohio Judicial College, Marriott, Columbus, Ohio
- Feb. 11-16, 1996 — “Conducting the Trial,” National Judicial College, San Diego, California
- Dec. 5, 1995 — “Senate Bill 2,” Winter Conference, Ohio Judicial Conference, Columbus, Ohio

BAR ADMISSIONS

- The Ohio State Bar
- The United States Supreme Court
- 6th Circuit Court of Appeals
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Ohio

AWARDS

- 2008 Award for Faculty Service, National Judicial College
- 2003 Award for Service, Common Pleas Judges Association
- 2002 Award for Service to Judicial Education, presented by Ohio Judicial College
- 1995 Arabella Babb Mansfield Award, Toledo Women's Bar Association
- 1994 "Order of the Heel," Toledo Junior Bar
- 1990-1992 Scholarships, from National Judicial College to pursue Master of Judicial Studies
- 1988-1989 "Hall of Excellence" Award, Ohio Foundation of Independent Colleges
- 1988 "Women of Toledo" Honoree, named by St. Vincent Medical Auxiliary



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