

MARSHALL J. PICCININI

Court of Common Pleas Judge Erie County

PROFILE

Appointed Judge of the Erie County Court of Common Pleas by Governor Tom Wolf and unanimously confirmed by the Pennsylvania Senate on May 7, 2019, I have served in the court's Family Division since June 28, 2019. In just over 19 months on the bench, I have now presided over cases involving all areas of the law, including criminal, civil, family, dependency, and delinquency cases.

I bring to the bench my experience as a lawyer for 30+ years. Prior to becoming a Court of Common Pleas judge, I had 28 years of courtroom litigation experience. I engaged in courtroom litigation since my early days as a U.S. Army Trial Counsel and Special Assistant U.S. Attorney in Ft. Riley, Kansas, through my 5½ years as an Assistant and Deputy District Attorney in Erie County, and to my 20 years of experience as the chief federal prosecutor in the U.S. Attorney's Office Erie.

My many years of courtroom litigation experience has prepared me to effectively deal with courtroom disputes and objections that arise in litigation. I have a keen understanding of how to properly manage caseloads and deadlines, deal with immediate evidentiary issues and objections that arise in court proceedings, manage complex legal problems, manage the style and temperament of opposing counsel, and be decisive when decisions must be made. I hope I have proven over the past 19 months that I possess the right temperament, experience, wisdom, reasonableness, sense of fairness, skill, and work ethic necessary to continue to serve Erie County as a Judge.

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EDUCATION

University of Pittsburgh, School of Law, Juris Doctorate, 1989

Washington & Jefferson College, BA, Political Science, 1986

WORK EXPERIENCE

Judge, Erie County Court of Common Pleas June 2019-Present

Serving in the Family Division and presiding over cases involving all areas of the law including civil, criminal, family, dependency, and delinquency cases.

Office of the United States Attorney Chief, Erie Division Assistant U.S. Attorney 1999 to 2019

Trial lawyer prosecuting all federal cases within northwestern Pennsylvania, including the Collar Bomb (Pizza Bomber) case, many high-level drug trafficking organizations, gun crimes, crimes of violence, financial fraud, and environmental crimes.

Office of the District Attorney, Erie County Deputy District Attorney 1994 to 1999

Trial lawyer prosecuting every type of state criminal law case from the most basic to the most complex including capital murder trials. Coordinated the child abuse and domestic violence prosecution unit.

United States Army Captain, Judge Advocate General's Corps First Infantry Division, Fort Riley, Kansas Trial Counsel and Special Assistant U.S. Attorney 1990 to 1994

Served the nation in the First Infantry Division as an Army lawyer. Represented soldiers and their families as a Legal Assistance Attorney during Operation Desert Shield and Desert Storm, and as a Trial Counsel and Special Assistant U.S. Attorney prosecuting soldiers and civilians who committed crimes on Fort Riley.

FAMILY

Married for 31 years to Carrie Piccinini. Carrie is an RN and Certified School Nurse at the Edinboro Elementary School.

We have raised our three children in Erie County: Jon, Isabella, and Alena.

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Experience Highlights

- Court of Common Pleas Judge since June 28, 2019.
 - Nominated by Governor Wolf and unanimously confirmed by the Pennsylvania Senate.
 - Presiding over civil, criminal, family, protection from abuse, juvenile and dependency cases.
- 28 years as a courtroom litigator in state and federal court, prosecuting numerous high-profile cases.
- Professional Responsibility Officer for the U.S. Attorney's office in Western Pennsylvania, guiding other attorneys on issues of professional ethics.
- Senior Litigation Counsel within the U.S. Attorney's office and Chief of the Erie Division.
- Litigation of every type of criminal case in the Court of Common Pleas of Erie County.
- Former coordinator of child abuse and domestic violence cases in Erie County.
- U.S. Army veteran, former active-duty Army lawyer and former U.S. Army reserve commander of Military Police Criminal Investigation units.
- Actively engaged in community problem solving efforts.
- Dedicated to public service in a variety of settings including previous service as Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Erie City Mission.
- Champion for improved prisoner reentry efforts.
- Advocate for drug and alcohol addiction recovery.
- Leader in efforts to lessen racial tensions between the police and the community.
- Mature and even tempered.
- Not subject to outside pressure or influence.
- Decisive.
- Fair and reasonable.