



BIOGRAPHY and COURT PRACTICE JUDGE TERRENCE F. McVERRY

The Honorable Terrence F. McVerry was born on September 16, 1943, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, the youngest of four sons of the late Anna A. and Thomas L. McVerry. He received his B.A. degree from Duquesne University in 1965 and a Juris Doctor degree from its school of law in 1968. Following graduation, he commenced active duty with the United States Army Reserves after which he served as a commissioned legal officer in the Pennsylvania Air National Guard until his Honorable Discharge as a Captain in 1977.

He served as a trial prosecutor in the Office of the District Attorney of Allegheny County from 1969 to 1973. Thereafter, he engaged in the general practice of law for the next twenty-five years with the last ten as an active trial practitioner in the medical professional negligence field with the firm of Grogan, Graffam, McGinley & Lucchino. In 1978, McVerry was elected to the Pennsylvania House of Representatives and represented a number of south hills communities in the General Assembly for six terms through 1990. He continued in the private practice of law until May, 1998, when Governor Tom Ridge nominated him to fill a vacancy on the Court of Common Pleas of Allegheny. He served as a Judge in the Family Division of that Court until January, 2001. Thereafter, he became the Solicitor of Allegheny County serving as the Chief Legal Officer and Director of the Law Department during the advent of Allegheny County's new Home Rule Government.

In January, 2002, McVerry was nominated by President George W. Bush to be a Federal District Court Judge for the Western District of Pennsylvania. He was confirmed by the United States Senate on September 3, 2002, and began serving as a Judge on September 27, 2002.

Judge McVerry is a member of the Pennsylvania Bar Association, Allegheny County Bar Association and Federal Judges Association. He is a former member of the Pennsylvania Commission on Sentencing and the Pennsylvania Conference of State Trial Judges. He also served as a member of the Allegheny County Charter Drafting Committee which prepared the Home Rule Charter for the new form of government in Allegheny County which took effect in January, 2000.

Judge McVerry and his wife, Judy, have three children and several grandchildren.