

2013 ALUMNI FELLOW

Cheryl Lynn Allen '69 Edu



Cheryl Lynn Allen presides on the Superior Court of Pennsylvania. She has served on the bench for six years in her current capacity and possesses more than 30 years of experience in the judicial system.

Allen began her distinguished career in the classroom, teaching elementary school in the Pittsburgh Public Schools. She earned her law degree shortly after and practiced law for 15 years with Neighborhood Legal Services, the Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission, and the Allegheny County solicitor's office. She has sat on the bench on the Superior Court of Pennsylvania since her election in 2007. Prior to that, she spent 17 years as a trial judge in the Court of Common Pleas of Allegheny County. In 2002, Gov. Mark Schweiker appointed Allen to the Pennsylvania Supreme Court's Juvenile Court Judges Commission.

Allen has made giving back to her community a priority. She currently serves on the boards of the Pittsburgh Leadership Foundation, Hosanna House, Cornerstone Television, Waynesburg University Board of Trustees, and the National Regional Church CARE Advisory Board. She has been instrumental in the creation and implementation of treatment programs such as the Academy's Alternative Summer School Program and the Alternative to Detention Program through Youth Enrichment Services.

Allen has received numerous awards for her efforts on behalf of children and families, including the Juvenile Court Judge's Commission Award, the Pennsylvania Commission for Women's History Month Award, and the Allegheny County Bar Association's Juvenile Justice Award.

Allen was the keynote speaker for Penn State's 2013 Law and Education Day, hosted by the Dickinson School of Law and the College of Education. She lives in Allison Park, Pa.