



In the November 3 election, the Pennsylvania GOP swept six of the seven seats on the state appellate courts, and six of the seven wins were women. Winners are highlighted below. Election returns provided by the Pennsylvania Department of State at <http://www.electionreturns.state.pa.us>:

Justice of the Supreme Court

Candidate	Votes	Percent
<u>ORIE MELVIN, JOAN (REP)</u>	930,058	53.2%

Judge of the Superior Court

Electing 4

Candidate	Votes	Percent
<u>LAZARUS, ANNE E. (DEM)</u>	716,825	11.5%
<u>OLSON, JUDY (REP)</u>	932,558	15.0%
<u>MUNDY, SALLIE (REP)</u>	850,560	13.7%
<u>OTT, PAULA (REP)</u>	788,753	12.7%

Judge of the Commonwealth Court

Electing 2

Candidate	Votes	Percent
<u>MCCULLOUGH, PATRICIA A. (REP)</u>	883,619	28.1%
<u>BROBSON, KEVIN (REP)</u>	820,460	26.1%

Judge of the Superior Court

Judicial Retention

Candidate		Votes	Percent
FORD ELLIOTT, KATE	"Yes"	956,770	68.9%
	"No"	432,375	31.1%

Judge of the Commonwealth Court

Judicial Retention

Candidate		Votes	Percent
PELLEGRINI, DAN	"Yes"	932,276	67.2%
	"No"	454,071	32.8%

ELECTION DAY IS NOVEMBER 3, 2009

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**Jack Panella – Supreme Court
Anne Lazarus – Superior Court
Kevin McCarthy – Superior Court
Linda Judson – Commonwealth Court**

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Biographical sketches of the 2009 candidates

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SUPREME COURT

DEMOCRAT

NAME — Jack Panella

AGE — 54

HOME — Easton

EDUCATION — Bachelor's degree, St. John's University, 1977; law degree, The Catholic University of America, 1980. State Judicial Conduct Board, 2005-09. Pennsylvania Court of Judicial Discipline, 1997-2001.

EXPERIENCE — State Superior Court judge, 2004-present. Northampton County Common Pleas judge, 1991-2003. Northampton County solicitor, 1987-91 Private law practice, 1982-91.

PERSONAL — Married, with three children.

WEB SITE — <http://votejackpanella.com/>

SUPERIOR COURT

DEMOCRATS

NAME — Anne Lazarus

AGE — 56

HOME — Philadelphia

EDUCATION — B.A., State University of New York at Stony Brook, 1972, graduated from Temple University Law School with a J.D. in 1976 and an L.L.M. in 1986.

EXPERIENCE — Philadelphia Common Pleas judge, 1991-present. Private law practice, 1976-91.

PERSONAL — Married, with two children.

WEB SITE — <http://www.lazarusforsuperiorcourt.org/>

NAME — Kevin McCarthy

AGE — 48

HOME — Dormont

EDUCATION — B.A., University of Pittsburgh, 1983; law degree, University of Pittsburgh Law School, 1986.

EXPERIENCE — Assistant district attorney in appellate unit of Allegheny County district attorney's office, 1990-present.

PERSONAL — Married.

WEB SITE — <http://www.mccarthyforsuperiorcourt.com/>

COMMONWEALTH COURT

DEMOCRAT

NAME — Linda Judson

AGE — 51

HOME — Pittsburgh

EDUCATION — Worked as a licensed practical nurse from 1979-86. Bachelor's degree, University of Pittsburgh, 1986; law degree, Duquesne University Law School, 1990.

EXPERIENCE — Private law practice, 1990-present.

PERSONAL — Married, with one child.

WEB SITE — <http://www.lindajudsonforjudge.com/>