



THE SUPREME COURT *of* OHIO

Justice

Alice Robie Resnick

Jan. 2, 1989 - Jan. 1, 2007

Justice Alice Robie Resnick is the fourth woman elected to statewide office in Ohio and the second woman elected to the Supreme Court of Ohio. She was first elected to the Supreme Court in 1988, and was re-elected in 1994 and in 2000. Justice Resnick was the founder and co-chair of the Ohio State Bar Association/Supreme Court of Ohio Joint Task Force on Gender Fairness. This task force addressed issues such as gender bias in the courts; lawyer and workplace life styles; gender bias education; and gender issues in domestic relations cases. A Final Report was issued in May 1995. From 1998 to 2001, Justice Resnick chaired the Ohio Women's Legal Assistance and Education Coalition, which aided women in Ohio in the exercise of their legal rights.



Justice Resnick was born on August 21, 1939 in Erie, Pennsylvania. She resides in Toledo with her husband, retired Judge Melvin L. Resnick, who formerly sat on the Lucas County Court of Common Pleas and the Ohio Sixth District Court of Appeals. She has three step-children, six step-grandchildren, and four dogs, two of which are rescued greyhounds.

EDUCATION

1953-1957	Notre Dame Academy, Toledo, Ohio
1957-1961	Siena Heights University Adrian, Michigan Degree: Ph.B., 1961 Major: History; Minors: Philosophy, English & Biology
1961-1964	University of Detroit, College of Law Detroit, Michigan Degree: J.D., 1964

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

1964	Admitted to the Bar of the state of Ohio by examination
1965	Admitted to the Bar of the state of Michigan by examination
1967	Admitted to practice before the United States District Court for the Northern District of Ohio, Western Division
1964-1975	Private practice of law, October 1964-1975; Appointed an Assistant Lucas County Prosecutor, December 1964. Trial Attorney; tried approximately one hundred fifty felony cases including ten death penalty cases.
1970	Admitted to practice and appeared before the United States Supreme Court,

- arguing on an issue regarding the constitutionality of the death penalty in Ohio.
- 1975 Elected Judge of the Toledo Municipal Court
- 1981 Elected Presiding Administrative Judge of Toledo Municipal Court by the other six Municipal Court Judges.
- 1981 Re-elected to the Toledo Municipal Court without opposition
- 1982 Elected Judge of the Ohio Sixth District Court of Appeals, Toledo, Ohio
- 1983-1987 Sat by assignment on the Supreme Court of Ohio
- 1986 Re-elected to the Ohio Sixth District Court of Appeals without opposition
- 1988 Presiding Judge, Ohio Sixth District Court of Appeals, Toledo, Ohio
- 1988 Elected Justice of the Supreme Court of Ohio
- 1994, 2000 Re-elected Justice of the Supreme Court of Ohio

HONORS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

- 2003 *Milestones Award*
Toledo YWCA
- 1998-2001 Chair, Ohio Women's Legal Assistance and Education Coalition
- 1999 Honorary Doctor of Laws Degree
Heidelberg College
- 1999 *Gertrude W. Donahey Award*
Ohio Democratic Party
- 1999 *Woman of Toledo Award*
St. Vincent Mercy Medical Center
- 1998 *Distinguished Lawyer Award* of the University of Toledo
College of Law Alumni Association
- 1998 Initial recipient of the *Alice Robie Resnick Outstanding Lawyer Award* presented by the Ohio Women's Bar
- 1998 Honored in a tribute presented on the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives by Congresswoman Marcy Kaptur. Recorded in the Congressional Record on April 29, 1998
- 1996 *Making A Difference Award*
National Association of Women Judges District 7
- 1995 Ohio Women's Hall of Fame
- 1995 *Alumni of the Year*
University of Detroit, College of Law
- 1995 *Nettie Cronise Lutes Award*
Ohio State Bar Association
Section on Women in the Profession
- 1994 Honorary Doctor of Laws Degree
University of Akron
- 1994 *Woman of Achievement Award*
Franklin County YWCA

- 1994 *Woman of Achievement Award*
Appleaseed Ridge Girl Scout Council, Lima, OH
- 1991 Co-chairperson of the Joint Task Force on
Gender Fairness, A Cooperative Effort of The Ohio State Bar Association and
The Supreme Court of Ohio
- 1990 *Woman of the Year Award,*
American Association of University Women
Columbus, Ohio Branch
- 1989 *Award of Excellence*
Cleveland Society of Poles
- 1987 *Sister Ann Joachim Award for Outstanding Civic Involvement,*
Siena Heights College,
Adrian, Michigan
- 1987 Hall of Fame, Notre Dame Academy, Toledo
- 1984-2004 *Who's Who Awards,*
Who's Who of America
Who's Who in American Law
Who's Who of American Women
Who's Who in the Midwest
- 1983 *Woman of Achievement Award,*
Women in Communications,
Toledo, Ohio Chapter

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Member of: American, Ohio, Lucas County and Bar Associations; National Association of Women Judges; Toledo and Ohio Women's Bar Associations; OSBA Sections on Women in the Profession and Ohio Lawyers Assistance Program.

Honorary Member of: Delta Theta Phi Legal Fraternity; Delta Kappa Gamma Society (Professional Organization for Women Educators).

CIVIC INVOLVEMENT (present)

Crime Stopper, Inc. of Metropolitan Toledo, President of Board of Trustees; Guest House, Inc., Board of Trustees.

Member of: Toledo Museum of Art; Toledo Botanical Gardens; Democratic Business & Professional Women's Club; Toledo Zoological Society; Public Radio-WGTE; Toledo YWCA; the YWCA of Columbus; Martin School Rose Garden; Honorary Member of Zonta Club of Toledo I.

CIVIC & PROFESSIONAL INVOLVEMENT (past)

Past Member of: Board of Trustees of Siena Heights College; Board of Directors of the Maumee Valley Girl Scouts; WIT, Inc.; NOW; Board of Directors of the Court Diagnostic and Treatment Center; Toledo Women United Against Rape; Quota of Toledo; West Toledo Business and Professional Women's Club; Spectrum, Friends of Fine Art; Municipal Judges Association; Court of Appeals Judges Association; Ohio Judicial Conference; Board of Trustees of the Volunteers of America; Toledo-Lucas County Safety Council; International Women's Forum; Women Alive Coalition; Governor's Task Force on Substance Abuse; the International Institute of Toledo.

Past Chairperson of: the Administration and Court Reform Committee of the Ohio Judicial Conference; Rules and Administrative Law Committee of the Ohio Judicial Conference; the Ohio Court Statistics Committee; Ohio Supreme Court Rules and Procedures Committee.

LECTURER AND SPEAKER

Justice Resnick is widely sought after as a speaker and lecturer on a variety of topics. She has addressed numerous judges, lawyers and civic groups on the following subjects: ethics; professionalism; substance abuse; gender fairness; advances in biomedical technology; domestic violence; the battered woman syndrome; appellate procedure; constitutional law; insurance law; tort reform; criminal law; Supreme Court practice; personal safety; public awareness of the legal system; and the elective process.

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IMPORTANT OPINIONS WRITTEN BY JUSTICE RESNICK

Lemley v. Kaiser (1983), 6 Ohio St.3d 258, 6 OBR 324, 452 N.E.2d 1304.

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Sawicki v. Ottawa Hills (December 12, 1986), Lucas App. Nos. L-85-366, L-85-443, and L-86-002, unreported (Resnick, J., dissenting). Reversed by Supreme Court of Ohio in *Sawicki v. Ottawa Hills* (1988), 37 Ohio St.3d 222, 525 N.E.2d 468.

State v. Sage (1987), 31 Ohio St.3d 173, 31 OBR 375, 510 N.E.2d 343.

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Mussivand v. David (1989), 45 Ohio St.3d 314, 544 N.E.2d 265.

State v. Koss (1990), 49 Ohio St.3d 213, 551 N.E.2d 970.

Doyle v. Ohio Bur. of Motor Vehicles (1990), 51 Ohio St.3d 46, 554 N.E.2d 97.

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DeRolph v. State (2001), 93 Ohio St.3d 309, 754 N.E.2d 1184, 156 Ed. Law Rep. 1290 (Resnick, J., dissenting) ("*DeRolph III*").

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Ferrando v. Auto-Owners Mut. Ins. Co., 98 Ohio St.3d 186, 2002-Ohio-7217, 781 N.E.2d 927.

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