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## **HON. MARY M. JOHNSTON (Ret.)**

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### **EDUCATION**

**WASHINGTON & LEE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW**, Juris Doctorate, Cum Laude

Law Review, Lead Articles Editor; American Jurisprudence Awards – Highest Grades in Evidence, Estates and Trusts; Omicron Delta Kappa, Honorary Fraternity; School of Law Alumni Council

**Northwestern University**, Master of Music

**Wittenberg University**, Bachelor of Music, Magna Cum Laude

### **EXPERIENCE**

#### **SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE | Judge**

- Over 20 years as a jury and bench trial judge - civil and criminal cases, issued over 750 opinions
- Longest serving Judge in Delaware's Complex Commercial Litigation Division ("CCLD")
- Issued approximately 200 CCLD memorandum opinions
- Mass Tort Cases | Fossil fuel product pollution; PCB environmental pollution
- Toxic Tort Cases | Asbestos; Pelvic Mesh; Opioids
- Frequently designated as a Vice-Chancellor
- Designated to sit on the Delaware Supreme Court for numerous cases for appeals from the Court of Chancery
- Extensive judicial experience with insurance coverage litigation
- Judicial Coordinator for revision of civil pattern jury instructions
- Judicial Coordinator for revision of criminal pattern jury instructions
- Regular presenter at nationwide continuing legal education programs

#### **OFFICE OF DISCIPLINARY COUNSEL | Chief Disciplinary Counsel | Delaware Supreme Court**

- Evaluated, investigated and prosecuted attorney discipline cases before the Preliminary Review Committee, Board on Professional Responsibility, and Delaware Supreme Court
- Evaluated, investigated and prosecuted matters before the Board on the Unauthorized Practice of Law
- Presented at character and fitness hearings before the Board of Bar Examiners
- Eliminated substantial backlog of unresolved cases
- Moved from a prosecutorial focus to emphasis on intervention and prevention to promote best attorney ethical practices and professionalism
- Presented at continuing legal education programs on legal ethics

#### **MORRIS JAMES LLP, Partner | Wilmington, Delaware**

- Corporate and Complex Commercial Litigation and Bankruptcy Adversary Proceedings

### **AWARDS**

Delaware State Bar Association's Women's Leadership Award

**BAR ADMISSIONS**

Supreme Court of the State of Delaware  
United States District Court for the District of Delaware  
United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit  
United States Supreme Court

**PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**

**AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION** | Standing Committee on Ethics and Professional Responsibility; Judges Advisory Committee  
Business Law Section; Business Court Representative; Trial Practice Subcommittee of the Business and Corporate  
Litigation Committee Co-Chair; Judicial Division Delegate to the Business Law Section

**AMERICAN COLLEGE OF BUSINESS COURT JUDGES | SECRETARY; TREASURER**

**NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF WOMEN JUDGES**

**DELAWARE ACCESS TO JUSTICE COMMISSION**

**DELAWARE DUI TASK FORCE**

**DELAWARE SUPREME COURT'S JUDICIAL ETHICS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**DELAWARE SUPREME COURT'S COMMISSION ON CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION**

**DELAWARE SUPREME COURT'S PERMANENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON DELAWARE LAWYERS' RULES OF PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT**

**DELAWARE SUPREME COURT'S PROFESSIONALISM COMMITTEE**

**DELAWARE STATE BAR ASSOCIATION** | Judicial Liaison to three Executive Committees; Committee on Response to Public  
Comment; Pro Se Litigation Assistance Committee

**DELAWARE STATE BAR ASSOCIATION WOMEN AND THE LAW SECTION | Chair**

**DELAWARE HIGH SCHOOL MOCK TRIAL COMPETITION JUDGE**

**DUPONT LEGAL/YOUNG CONAWAY "STREET LAW" DIVERSITY PIPELINE WORKSHOPS**

**RICHARD S. RODNEY INN OF COURT**

**DELAWARE SUPREME COURT'S EDITORIAL BOARD, DELAWARE CONSTITUTION OF 1897 PROJECT**

**MULTIDISCIPLINARY PRACTICE TASK FORCE, DELAWARE STATE BAR ASSOCIATION**

**BOARD ON THE UNAUTHORIZED PRACTICE OF LAW**