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Justice Randy J. Holland
Receives Penn Law School's Highest Award

Justice Randy J. Holland of the Delaware Supreme Court received the James Wilson Award at a ceremony and reception at the University of Pennsylvania Law School on October 7, 2009. The Wilson Award honors service to the legal profession and is named for the signer of the Declaration of Independence who was the first lecturer in law at Penn. The Wilson Award is the highest honor conferred on a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania Law School.

Justice Holland was one of six University of Pennsylvania Law School graduates honored for their career achievements, pro bono work, service to the legal profession and services to the Law School.

"These honorees have made – and continue to make- enduring contributions to the law, to the welfare of their clients and to the future of the law school that was a springboard to their success," said Penn Law Dean Michael A. Fitts. "Each of them epitomizes the importance of being dedicated to something larger than one's self, to helping create opportunities for others."

Justice Randy J. Holland was the youngest person to serve on the Delaware Supreme Court when he was named to the bench in 1986. He also has the distinction of being the longest serving Justice in the history of the Delaware Supreme Court.

Justice Holland, a former national president of the American Inns of Court Foundation, has been an active leader in the areas of ethics and professional responsibility. He chaired a national advisory committee to the American Judicature Society's Center for Judicial Ethics and the American Bar Association's National Joint Committee on Lawyer Regulation. He has served on the ABA Presidential Commission on Fair and Impartial Courts, the Appellate Judges Conference's Executive Committee, the Standing Committee on Client Protection and the Judicial Division's Ethics and Professionalism Committee. U.S. Chief Justices Rehnquist and Roberts appointed Justice Holland as the State Judge Member of the Federal Judicial Conference Advisory Committee on Appellate Rules.

Justice Holland is the author or the editor of several books: Middle Temple Lawyers and the American Revolution; The Delaware Constitution: A Reference Guide; Delaware Supreme Court: Golden Anniversary; The Delaware Constitution of 1897 – The First One Hundred Years; and Appellate Practice and Procedure.

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