

Honorable Judge H. Terry Grimes, Senior Judge
(Pennsylvania Commonwealth Court Judge, 13th Judicial District)
Court of Common Pleas, County of Greene, Pennsylvania

Court of Common Pleas is administered by Greene County. Each county has one or more judge(s) who is/are elected to sit on the bench and hear criminal and civil court cases. The Senior Judge Grimes will continue primarily to preside over criminal matters — working only part time as needed.



The Honorable H. Terry Grimes was elected in 1985 for a ten-year term and took office in January 1986. He was retained in 1995 for a ten-year term and took office in January 1996. In November 2005, he was again retained for an additional term presiding over the 13th Judicial Court of Greene County, Pennsylvania.

January 5, 2009 - Judge H. Terry Grimes retired as the president judge of Greene County Court after holding that position for 23 years. Grimes will remain working at the courthouse part-time as a senior judge until a successor is appointed. Gov. Ed Rendell will appoint a candidate, who will act as judge until the 2011 municipal election, when a new judge is elected. The state senate also must confirm the governor's nominee.

A graduate of West Greene High School, Judge Grimes earned his bachelor's degree from California University of Pennsylvania and his law degree from Ohio Northern University. He is a member of the Greene County Bar Association and Pennsylvania Conference of State Trial Judges.

Judge Grimes is a member of the Valley Chapel United Methodist Church in Holbrook, Cornerstone Genealogical Society, the Greene County Gideons Society, and the Knights of Pythias, Graysville Lodge in Pennsylvania. He also has served as treasurer of the Sons of the American Revolution and the secretary for Waynesburg Prosperous & Beautiful. He served in the United States Army from 1966 to 1969 and the Army Reserves where he held the rank of Major.

As a youth, Judge Grimes earned the rank of Eagle Scout and was recently (April 2004) presented with the District Award of Merit by the Greene District of Greater Pittsburgh Council, Boy Scouts of America. He has served Scouting for more than 15 years, including assistant vice chairman from 1987-2002, Greene district chairman from 2002-2004 and currently as district member at-large.

The Honorable Grimes resides with his wife in the West Greene area. He is community-minded, volunteers for helping with local events, and is often heard speaking to the public about the history of our county.