



THE SUPREME COURT *of* OHIO

# Judith Ann Lanzinger

## *Justice*



*Jan. 1, 2005 – Judith Ann Lanzinger became the 150th justice of the Supreme Court of Ohio. Her current term ends on December 31, 2016.*

Judith Ann Lanzinger is the only person ever elected to all four levels of Ohio's judiciary. Now in her second Supreme Court term, over the last 31 years she has also served on the 6th District Court of Appeals, the Lucas County Court of Common Pleas and the Toledo Municipal Court. And with Joshua Lanzinger joining the municipal bench in 2013, for the first time a mother and son are serving together as state court judges.

Judith Hodorowski was the granddaughter of coal-miners and daughter of a carpenter. After grade school, believing she had a religious vocation, she joined the Sisters of St. Francis in Sylvania, attended Lourdes Jr. College, and then taught as Sr. William Ann at St. Jude elementary school in Toledo. After leaving the order as a novice, she enrolled at the University of Toledo and received her bachelor's degree magna cum laude in education and English. She married Robert Lanzinger and started a family while continuing to teach and before earning a law degree cum laude at the University of Toledo College of Law where she was valedictorian of her class. She was named Distinguished Alumna of her alma mater in 2012.

Before taking the bench, Justice Lanzinger worked in Toledo Edison's legal department and was a Shumaker, Loop and Kendrick associate attorney. Later, as a judge, she won scholarships to earn a master's degree in Judicial Studies from the University of Nevada, Reno and the National Judicial College. She has been on the NJC faculty since 1990. She taught trial practice for 18 years at her former law school, as well as judicial courses throughout the U.S. and in the former Soviet Union.

The Justice Judy blog (<http://justicejudy.blogspot.com>) was started by the justice in 2010 to comment generally about the legal profession and the law. The blog combines her interests in technology and writing. She chaired the committee that published the first Supreme Court Writing Manual in 2012, which is used by the court for its opinions. She was the first chair of the Commission on the Rules of Superintendence that created rules of access to court records. In 2015, she was appointed to the Recodification Committee of the 130th Ohio General Assembly.

For nearly 30 years the justice has been active in judicial associations. She was a chairperson and a board member of the Ohio Judicial College. She was president of the Morrison R. Waite American Inn of Court, which mentors young lawyers. She was a member of the Ohio Courts Futures Commission and the Supreme Court of Ohio Board of Professional Conduct, as well as the Ohio Criminal Sentencing Commission.

Justice Lanzinger has received a variety of awards during her career. Among them are the Toledo Junior Bar's Order of the Heel and the Arabella Babb Mansfield Award from the Toledo Women's Bar Association, both given for helping young lawyers. Her outside interests include music and art. She is grateful to the public for allowing her to serve as a judge for three decades.

Married for more than 48 years, the justice and her husband, Robert, live in Toledo and, along with their son, also have a daughter and son-in-law, both attorneys, and three grandchildren who keep her enjoying life.

## JUSTICE JUDITH ANN LANZINGER

### PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT

- Supreme Court of Ohio Associate Justice – elected 2004, re-elected 2010
- 6th District Court of Appeals Ohio Appellate Judge – 2002 - 2004
- Lucas County Common Pleas Court – 1988 - 2002; Administrative Judge, 1996
- Toledo Municipal Court Judge – 1985 - 1988 (Established Housing Court in 1988)
- University of Toledo College of Law Adjunct Professor – 1988 - current
- Shumaker, Loop and Kendrick, Associate – 1981 - 1985
- The Toledo Edison Company, Attorney – 1977 - 1981

### EDUCATION

- National Judicial College and University of Nevada-Reno – Master of Judicial Studies, Trial Judge Major, 1992
- University of Toledo College of Law – J.D, cum laude, 1977, Valedictorian; Law Review, 1976 - 1977.
- University of Toledo – Bachelor of Education, magna cum laude, 1968 – Dual majors: English and Education. Kappa Delta Pi and Phi Kappa Phi Honoraries
- University of Memphis, Leadership Institute in Judicial Education, 1997 – Institute for Faculty Excellence in Judicial Education, 1998
- Toledo Academy of Medicine – Internship, March 31 - April 2, 2003
- CAPT, Chicago – Certification in Myers-Briggs Type Indicator Administration, 2000
- Lourdes Jr. College, Sylvania, Ohio – 1964 - 1966
- St. Clare Academy, Sylvania, Ohio – 1960 - 1963

### PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Recodification Committee, 130th Ohio General Assembly – 2015
- Supreme Court Liaison, Ohio Courts Historical Society – 2012 - current
- Chair, Supreme Court of Ohio Commission on Rules of Superintendence – 2006 - 2010
- Chair, Supreme Court of Ohio Style Manual Committee – 2008 - 2011
- Ohio Judicial College Chair – 2000 - 2001
- Ohio Futures Commission, Co-Chair of Public Education and Awareness Task Force – 1996 - 2000
- Ohio Judicial College, Board of Trustees – 1995 - 2001
- Ohio Supreme Court, Continuing Legal Education Committee – 1994 - 1995
- Ohio Criminal Sentencing Commission – 1991 - 1997
- Commission on Grievances and Discipline of the Supreme Court of Ohio – 1988 - 1991
- Life Fellow, Ohio State Bar Foundation, Class of 2000
- Ohio State Bar Association Member, Council of Delegates – 2000 - 2002
- The Toledo Legal Aid Society, Board Member – 1988 - 1992
- Criminal Justice Coordinating Council, Board Member – 1988 - 1989
- Dean's National Advisory Council, University of Toledo College of Law, 2009 - 2010
- University of Toledo Leadership Committee, Judith Herb College of Education – 2005 - current
- Morrison R. Waite American Inn of Court, President – 2000 - 2002; Master, 1996 - current

- President, Toledo Junior Bar Association – 1985 - 1986
- Member of Junior Bar Executive Committee – 1979 - 1986
- The Toledo Civil Service Commission, President – 1984 - 1985
- Toledo Bar Association, Member of Board of Trustees – 1982 - 1985
- Board of Trustees of the Toledo Bar, Secretary – 1983 - 1985
- Bishop’s Education Council – 2000 - 2004
- Diocesan Committee on Responses to Sexual Abuse – 1994 - 1996
- Diocesan Lay Retirement Board, Trustee – 1988 - 1997
- University of Toledo Law Alumni, Board Member – 1983 - 1985
- President, Catholic Big Sisters – 1970 - 1971

### **BAR ADMISSIONS**

- The Ohio State Bar
- The United States Supreme Court
- 6th Circuit Court of Appeals
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Ohio

### **AWARDS**

- 2016 Founders’ Award, Ohio Center for Law-Related Education
- 2014 Leading the Way Award, Ohio State Women’s Bar Association
- 2012 Distinguished Alumna Award, University of Toledo, College of Law
- 2008 Award for Faculty Service, National Judicial College
- 2003 Award for Service, Common Pleas Judges Association
- 2002 Award for Service to Judicial Education, presented by Ohio Judicial College
- 1995 Arabella Babb Mansfield Award, Toledo Women’s Bar Association
- 1994 “Order of the Heel,” Toledo Junior Bar
- 1990 - 1992 Scholarships, from National Judicial College to pursue Master of Judicial Studies
- 1988 - 1989 “Hall of Excellence” Award, Ohio Foundation of Independent Colleges
- 1988 “Women of Toledo” Honoree, named by St. Vincent Medical Auxiliary

### **TEACHING, LECTURES, PUBLICATIONS**

- December 8, 2016 – Remarks, Sisters of St. Francis Centennial, Sylvania, Ohio
- October 27, 2016 – “Tales from the Bench,” Toledo Metro Ladies Club, Sylvania, Ohio
- September 19, 2016 – Remarks, Annual Law & Citizenship Conference, Ohio Center for Law-Related Education, Dublin, Ohio
- September 11 - 16, 2016 – “Ethical Issues in the Law: A Novel Approach,” Instructor, National Judicial College, Ashland, Oregon
- June 21, 2016 – “Tales from the Court Trenches,” Port Clinton Rotary Club, Port Clinton, Ohio
- May 16, 2016 – “Paralegals and the Elements of Professionalism,” Paralegal Day, Toledo Bar Association, Toledo
- May 5, 2016 – Keynote Address, Toledo Bar Association Law Day Luncheon, Toledo
- May 2, 2016 – Address to Newly Admitted Lawyers, Bar Admission Ceremony, Columbus
- March 21, 2016 – “Leadership and Public Service,” Toledo Leadership Academy, Toledo

- February 2, 2016 – “Poetry as Judicial Medicine,” National Judicial College Webcast
- January 28, 2016 – “Effective Public Speaking” Workshop, Ohio Women’s Bar Foundation Leadership Institute, Columbus
- September 17, 2015 – “The Constitution,” Adrian College, Adrian, Michigan
- June 3, 2015 – “Law, Life & Literature,” Probate, Juvenile & Domestic Relations Judges Association Conference, Cincinnati
- March 26, 2015 – Remarks to Jones Leadership Academy, Toledo
- February 25, 2015 – Remarks to University of Toledo College of Law Alumni, Columbus
- December 11, 2014 – “The Supreme Appeal – How to Do It,” Continuing Legal Education Seminar, Toledo Bar Association, Toledo
- December 11, 2014 – Remarks to Employee/Citizen Awards Ceremony, Lucas County Sheriff’s Office, Toledo
- November 10, 2014 – Remarks to Criminal Justice Students, Lourdes University, Sylvania, Ohio
- November 7, 2014 – “Public Speaking,” Ohio Women’s Bar Foundation, Columbus
- September 29, 2014 - October 2, 2014 – “Ethical Issues in the Law,” 4-Day Course, National Judicial College, Ashland, Oregon
- December 19, 2013 – Administration of the Judicial Oath to Municipal Court Judge Mark Reddin, Bowling Green, Ohio
- November 21, 2013 – “Only Connect,” Ohio Women’s Bar Association Leadership Institute, Columbus
- October 18, 2013 – “Appellate Opinions,” Midwest Supreme Court Justices Conference, Madison, WI
- September 18, 2013 – Lucas County Common Pleas Public Swearing-In Ceremony, Toledo
- August 15, 2013 – “Standards of Appellate Review,” Administrative Law Judges, ABA, Chicago
- April 17, 2013 – “Women in Law,” Ohio Women’s Bar Association Spring Social, Toledo
- March 28, 2013 – “The Ohio Supreme Court,” St. John’s Jesuit High School Law Class, Toledo
- March 16, 2013 – “Congratulatory Remarks,” Law and Leadership Institute Graduation, Toledo
- February 8, 2013 – “Public Speaking,” Ohio Women’s Bar Association, Columbus
- December 6, 2012 – “Writing Manual,” Court of Appeals Seminar, Toledo Bar Association
- November 8, 2012 – Dayton Bench Bar Conference 20th Anniversary, Dayton
- September 21, 2012 – “The Legal Process,” Bowling Green State University
- September 13, 2012 – “New Writing Manual,” Ohio Judicial Conference, Columbus
- September 11, 2012 – “Politics, Society and Law Scholars,” Ohio State University, Columbus
- September 8, 2012 – “Distinguished Alumna Award” Recipient, University of Toledo College of Law, Toledo
- September 7, 2012 – “Permanent Custody in Abuse, Neglect, Dependency Update,” Webinar for Juvenile Judges and Magistrates, Columbus
- June 27, 2012 – “The Law,” Law and Leadership Institute, University of Toledo College of Law
- June 22, 2012 – “Supreme Court Writing Manual,” Common Pleas Judges Association, Columbus
- June 15, 2012 – “Power of One,” Buckeye Girls State, Alliance, Ohio
- May 15, 2012 – “New Writing Manual,” Appellate Writing Seminar for Law Clerks, Columbus
- May 15, 2012 – “Supreme Court Capital Cases,” Ohio Judicial College, Columbus
- May 2, 2012 – “Closing Arguments,” panel for OSBA annual meeting, Cincinnati
- March 16, 2012 – “Readers are Leaders,” Gesu School Assembly, Toledo
- February 29, 2012 – “New Writing Manual,” Appellate Judges Association, Columbus
- December 14, 2011 – “The Ohio Courts,” Ohio League of Women Voters, Perrysburg, Ohio
- November 17, 2011 – “Ten Principles for Successful Public Speaking,” OWBF, Columbus
- November 7, 2011 – Keynote Remarks to New Admittees, Ohio Theater, Columbus

- September 19, 2011 – “Civic Responsibility,” Law and Citizens Conference, OCLRE, Columbus
- August 18, 2011 – “Meaning of Professionalism,” New Law Students, U.T. College of Law, Toledo
- June 28, 2011 – Law and Leadership Remarks, University of Toledo College of Law
- May 14, 2011 – “Doing Good While Doing Well,” Ohio Christian University
- January 14, 2011 – Address to Academy of Medicine, Toledo
- December 3, 2010 – “Remarks Honoring Judge Thomas Lipps for Service,” Cincinnati
- October 22, 2010 – “Ohio’s Disciplinary System,” Ohio State Bar Association
- October 12, 2010 – “Risk Management Cases,” RIMS, Belmont Country Club, Toledo
- October 5, 2010 – “Supreme Court Then and Now,” Rotary Club, Port Clinton, Ohio
- October 1, 2010 – “Discipline of Judges,” Probate Practice Seminar
- July 26, 2010 – Law and Leadership Institute Remarks, Toledo
- May 18, 2010 – “Supreme Court Then and Now,” Rotary Club, Marion, Ohio
- May 12, 2010 – Inauguration of OWBA Officers, Columbus
- May 12, 2010 – Commencement Address, University of Toledo College of Law
- May 7, 2010 – “Recent Real Estate Cases,” Ohio Land Title Association, Hilton Columbus
- May 5, 2010 – “Appellate Work at the Supreme Court,” Ohio State Bar Convention, Dayton
- May 5, 2010 – Panel Discussion: “Legal Profession Gender Bias,” OSBA Forum, Dayton
- May 4, 2010 – “Recent Opinions of the Supreme Court,” Farmers’ Insurance Group, Statehouse
- April 27, 2010 – “Social Media Challenges,” Ohio Jury Management Association, Columbus
- April 19, 2010 – “The Importance of Bail Bonds,” Ohio Bail Agents Association, Marion, Ohio
- March 30, 2010 – Speech to Northeast Ohio Mayors & City Managers Association, Cleveland
- February 12, 2010 – “Recent Health Care Cases,” The Ohio State University
- January 25, 2010 – “Women in Law,” University of Akron School of Law
- December 18, 2009 – “Appealing to and Arguing at the Ohio Supreme Court,” Toledo Bar CLE
- November 12, 2009 – Remarks to JADLI on its 10th Anniversary, Columbus
- October 28, 2009 – “Professional Etiquette,” UT College of Law, Toledo
- October 23, 2009 – “The Appellate Process in Juvenile Law,” Toledo
- October 2, 2009 – “Update on Probate Cases,” Warren, Ohio
- July 31, 2009 – “Address to New Citizens,” Naturalization Ceremony, Toledo
- July 30, 2009 – “Law and Leadership Speech,” Toledo
- June 29, 2009 – Ohio Operating Engineers Apprenticeship and Training Graduation Remarks, Cleveland
- May 28, 2009 – “Recent Court Decisions,” Lake County Medical Society
- May 20, 2009 – Commencement Remarks, Ohio Northern College of Law, Ada, Ohio
- April 27, 2009 – “What is the Legal Profession?” Northview High School, Sylvania, Ohio
- April 10, 2009 – “What Have You Done for Me Lately? Lessons Learned from Judicial Campaigns”  
38 U. Balt. L. Rev. 11, Fall 2008
- March 27, 2009 – “The Supreme Court – Then and Now,” Fremont and Clyde Exchange Clubs
- March 12, 2009 – “Practical Appellate Advocacy,” University of Toledo College of Law
- November 17, 2008 – “Address to Newly Admitted Lawyers,” Bar Admissions Ceremony, Columbus
- October 13, 2008 – “Criminal Law Update,” Ohio Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers,  
Warrensville Heights, Ohio
- September 14 - 19, 2008 – “Ethical Issues in the Law,” National Judicial College, Ashland, Oregon
- July 21, 2008 – “Writing for Impact: Legal Writing,” Ohio Attorney General’s Office, Columbus
- June 26, 2008 – Juvenile Court Clerks’ Speech, Columbus
- April 25, 2008 – Address to Ohio Jury Management Association, Dublin, Ohio

- April 6, 2008 – Tribute to Women’s Law Student Association Scholarship Banquet, Toledo
- March 12, 2007 – New Judges Orientation Seminar, Dublin, Ohio
- June 7, 2006 – Address to Probate Judges Association, Oregon, Ohio
- May 6, 2006 – Commencement Address, University of Toledo College of Law
- October 26, 2006 – Fornoff Moot Court Competition, University of Toledo
- May 7, 2006 – Commencement Address, Owens Community College, Perrysburg, Ohio
- October 27 - 28, 2005 – Ukraine Delegation escort, Washington, D.C.
- October 21, 2005 – Bench Bar Conference, Inverness, Toledo
- June 17, 2005 – “Views from the Ohio Supreme Court,” Salt Fork Resort
- October 19, 2005 – Panel on Independent Judiciary, Capital Law School, Columbus
- May 12, 2005 – Address to Newly Admitted Lawyers, Bar Admission Ceremony, Columbus
- October 19, 2003 – Women & Politics, Toledo
- October 10, 2003 – Bench Bar Panel, Inverness, Toledo
- October 3, 2003 – Voir Dire Issues, Ohio State Bar Association, Columbus
- August 10 - 14, 2003 – “Law & Ethics,” National Judicial College, Ashland, Oregon
- June 13, 2003 – Ohio Judicial College, Myers Briggs Class
- May 19, 2003 – Court of Appeals Update, 6th District Court of Appeals
- October 29, 2002 – Panel on Tort Reform, Lourdes College, Sylvania, Ohio
- October 5, 2001 – “View from the Bench: Direct and Cross-Examination,” Ohio State Bar Association CLE Institute, Wyndham Hotel, Toledo
- August 13 - 17, 2001 – “Great Issues in Law and Literature,” National Judicial College, Ashland, Oregon
- June 12, 2001 – “Ethics and Cinema,” Probate Judges’ Conference, The Breakers Hotel, Sandusky, Ohio
- March 17 - 18, 2001 – “Reclaiming Futures” Judicial Leadership, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, Reno, Nevada
- December 11 - 12, 2000 – “Ethics and Cinema,” Ohio Judicial College, Columbus
- November 29, 2000 – “New Judges Orientation: Trial Management,” Ohio Judicial College, Columbus Convention Center
- November 3, 2000 – “Advocacy, Professionalism and Substance Abuse,” Toledo Women’s Bar Association, Toledo
- October 5 - 6, 2000 – “Ethics and Cinema for Magistrates,” Ohio Judicial College, Akron
- October 15 - 16, 2000 – Ohio Judicial College Conference, Hueston Woods
- September 28, 2000 – “View from the Bench: Direct and Cross-Examination,” Ohio State Bar Association CLE Institute, Radisson, Toledo
- September 7 - 8, 2000 – “The Judiciary: Interpreting the Vision” Moderator of panel discussion, Ohio Judicial College, Columbus
- August 18, 2000 – “Ethics and Cinema for Judges and Magistrates,” Ohio Judicial College, Findlay
- May 12, 2000 – Commencement Address, Toledo Police Academy
- April 11, 2000 – Jury Management Conference, Ohio State Bar Foundation, Dublin, Ohio
- February 24, 2000 – “More than Sex, Drugs and Money: Reporting on the Legal System,” Ohio State Bar Foundation, Columbus
- January 27 - 28, 2000 – Board of Trustees Retreat, Deer Creek State Park, Ohio
- December 16, 1999 – “Law and Cinema,” Ohio Judicial College, Columbus
- October 11 - 12, 1999 – “General Jurisdiction, Jury Segments,” National Judicial College, Reno, Nevada
- October 7 - 9, 1999 – “The National Symposium on the Future of Judicial Branch Education,” Adam’s Mark Hotel, St. Louis, Missouri

- October 1, 1999 – “View from the Bench: Pretrial Procedures and Settlement,” Ohio State Bar Association CLE Institute, Toledo
- September 29 - 30, 1999 – “Ohio Conclave on Education for the Legal Profession,” Ohio State Bar Association, Columbus
- September 9 - 10, 1999 – “The Scope of Judicial Power,” Discussion Moderator, Adams Mark Hotel, Columbus
- April 29 - 30, 1999 – “Ethics and Cinema,” Ohio Judicial College, Cincinnati
- April 20, 1999 – “Judicial Practice for Judges: A Workshop in Judicial Decision-Making,” Ohio Judicial College, Columbus
- March 22 - 23, 1999 – “Law and Cinema,” Ohio Judicial College, Sheraton Suites, Columbus
- December 17 - 18, 1998 – “Law and Cinema,” Ohio Judicial College, Columbus
- October 22, 1998 – “You Be the Judge,” Fremont/Sandusky, Ohio
- April 21, 1998 – “Progress of Women in the Legal Profession,” Women in Communications, Toledo
- July 27 - August 1, 1997 – “Decision Making,” National Judicial College, Reno, Nevada
- May 29, 1997 – “Continuing Legal Education Seminar: Senate Bill 2,” Wood County Bar Association
- April 3, 1997 – “Felony Sentencing Course for Judges,” Ohio Judicial College, Columbus
- September 29 - October 4, 1996 – “Decision Making,” National Judicial College, Reno, Nevada
- August 4 - 9, 1996 – “Law, Ethics and Justice,” National Judicial College, Ashland, Oregon
- June 19 - 21, 1996 – “Are You Ready? (For S.B. 2, That Is),” Ohio Common Pleas Judges Association, Radisson Harbour Inn, Sandusky, Ohio
- June 18, 1996 – “Felony Sentencing,” Ohio Judicial College, Sandusky, Ohio
- April 19, 1996 – “Senate Bill 2 and Probation,” Ohio Judicial College, Columbus
- March 29, 1996 – “Felony Sentencing,” Ohio Judicial College, Hilton, Akron
- March 22, 1996 – “Felony Sentencing,” Ohio Judicial College, Marriott, Columbus
- February 11 - 16, 1996 – “Conducting the Trial,” National Judicial College, San Diego, California
- December 5, 1995 – “Senate Bill 2,” Winter Conference, Ohio Judicial Conference, Columbus