

**UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS  
FOR THE THIRD CIRCUIT**

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PHILADELPHIA – Chief Judge Michael A. Chagares of the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit announced the launch today of a new website devoted to preserving and presenting the history of the Court. Archival materials, historical photographs, selected oral history videos, and much more are now available on the public website of the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit at <https://www.ca3.uscourts.gov/history>.

“My colleagues and I are thrilled that we can honor the rich history of our Court by making this repository of materials available to the public,” said Chief Judge Chagares. “Our Court takes tremendous pride in its history and traditions. Our library staff has carefully preserved and archived the photographs, videos, and other records that so vividly capture the remarkable individuals who have had the honor to serve on the Third Circuit. By opening this window to our past, we hope to shine a light on the people and events that have made the Court special, and to afford students, educators, and the public at large a chance to learn more about the Court and its distinguished history.”

The new website was created by Third Circuit Librarians Erik Andrewsen, Stephanie Bowen, and Michael Hayes. Much of the material comes from the Third Circuit Libraries’ digital collections and archives, curated by Archivist and Librarian Stephanie Bowen. New materials will continue to be added to the website as they become available. “Our librarians hope that you enjoy this

wonderful historical resource – the first of its kind for a federal court of appeals,” said Third Circuit Librarian Melissa J. Bernstein.

Chief Judge Chagares also announced today the coming publication of a comprehensive book on the history of the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, with a release expected in early 2026. Chief Judge Chagares said: “I am excited to announce that the Court’s illustrious history will be chronicled in a book that should appeal to lawyers, history buffs, and general readers alike. In tandem with establishing our new website, telling the story of the Court’s history will deepen an understanding of the vital role that this institution and its judges have played in shaping the lives of ordinary citizens and preserving the rights and freedoms guaranteed by our Constitution. We very much look forward to sharing the fascinating story of our Court’s history.”

The Third Circuit is comprised of the federal courts within Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. The Third Circuit libraries consist of a headquarters in Philadelphia and eight branch libraries located in federal courthouses in Camden, Harrisburg, Newark, Pittsburgh, St. Croix, St. Thomas, Trenton, and Wilmington.

Questions regarding the court history website may be emailed to [library@ca3.uscourts.gov](mailto:library@ca3.uscourts.gov). Our librarians welcome feedback on their effort to preserve the history of the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit.