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# Judicial Independence Benefit

*November 17, 2025*



## PENNSYLVANIANS FOR MODERN COURTS

*Envisioning a Pennsylvania judicial system in which everyone who participates is assured impartiality, fairness, accessibility and respect.*



# Our Mission

PMC works to educate all Pennsylvanians about our courts and how to navigate them with confidence, provide resources to make that possible for all residents of the Commonwealth, and advocate for judicial reforms that promote inclusion and access to justice. We engage in a wide variety of initiatives to accomplish these goals and are constantly developing new programming based on community feedback.



# PMC Shares

*Free, nonpartisan court literacy programming  
taught by judges and lawyers*

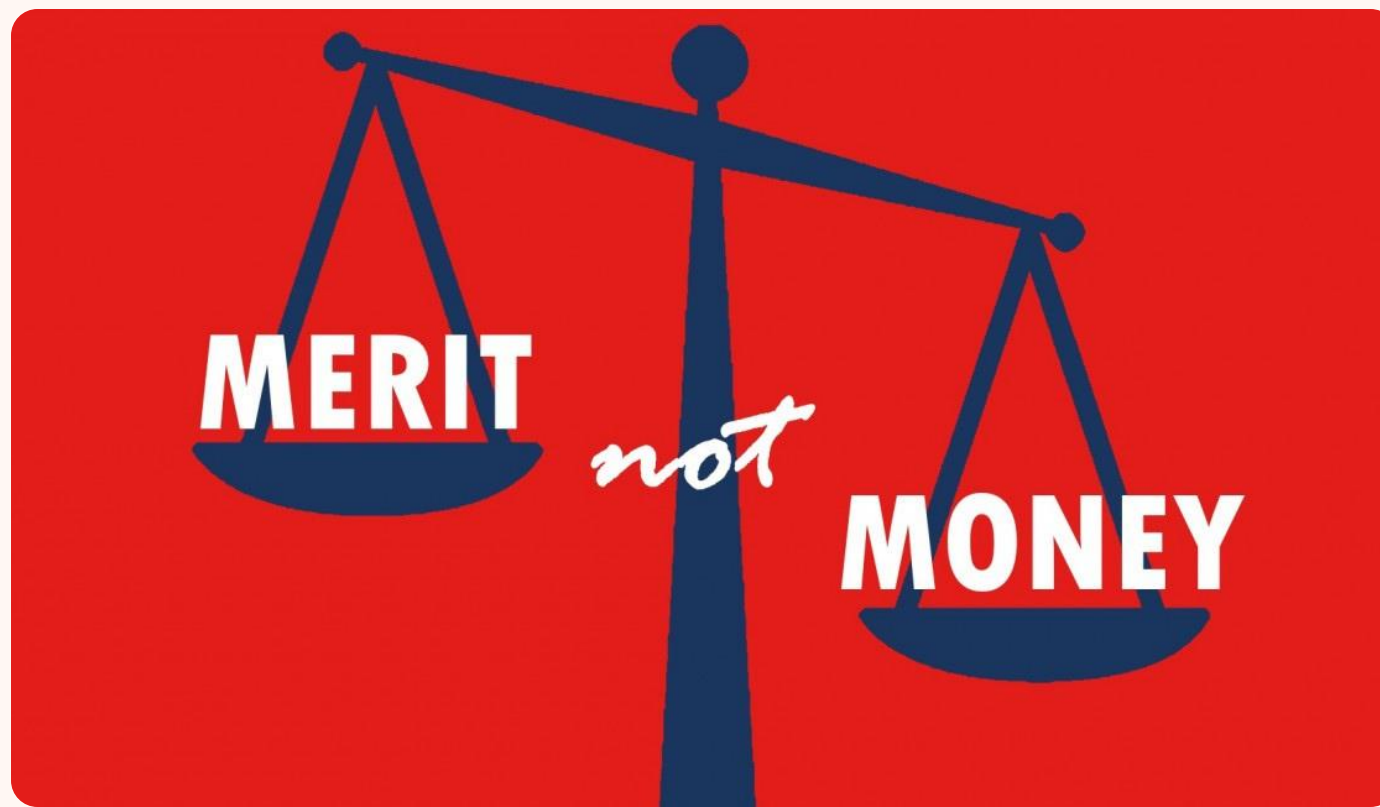


Workshop topics include:

- The Nuts and Bolts of Small Claims Court
- Landlord-Tenant Disputes
- Protection from Abuse Orders
- You've Been Served – Jury Service Basics
- How to Administer an Estate
- Expungement of Records and Clean Slate
- Threats to the Independence of PA's Judiciary

# Advocacy

*PMC is dedicated to advancing policies that make Pennsylvania's courts more representative, transparent, and accessible to all.*



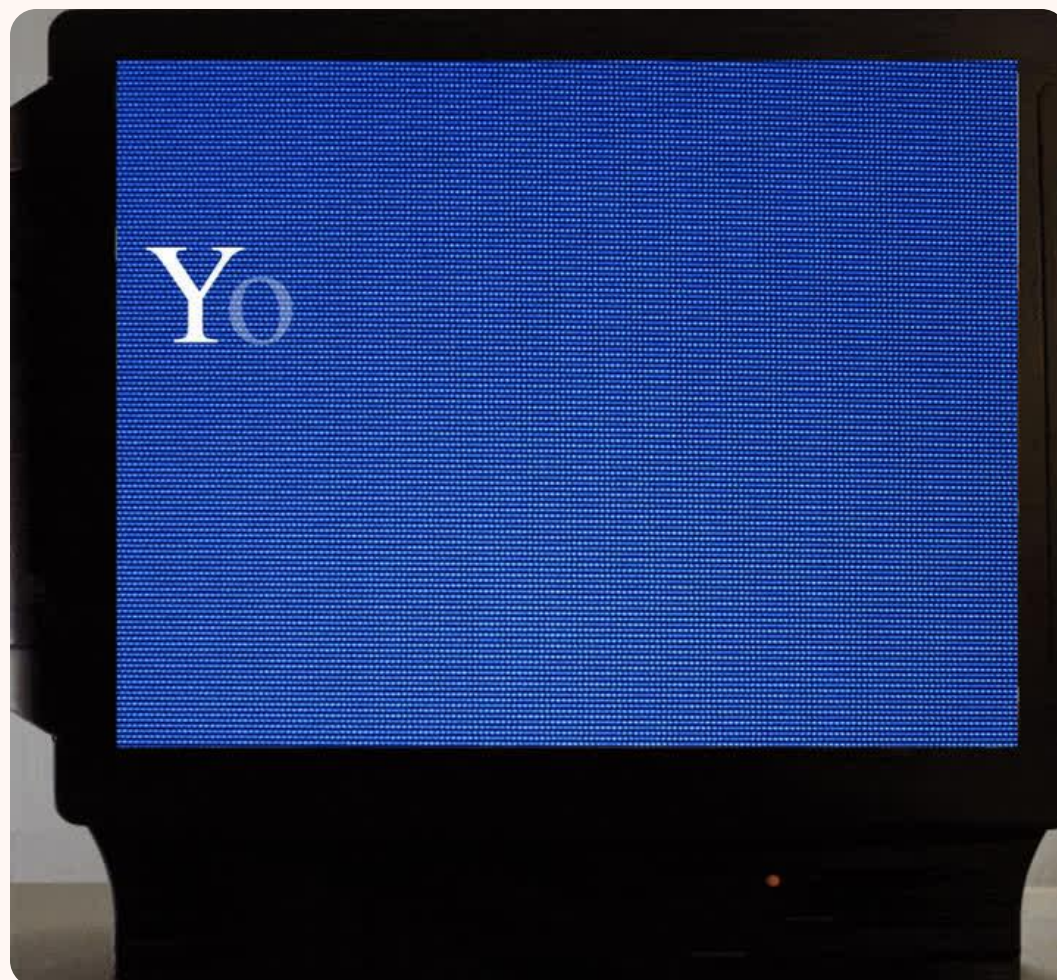
We're particularly focused on:

- Merit selection of Appellate Court Judges through an independent judicial nominating commission
- Increased juror pay and benefits
- Inclusion of convicted felons in jury pools



# Jury Service Initiative

*Aiming to strengthen civic engagement, remove barriers to jury service, and ensure fair, diverse representation in Pennsylvania's juries.*



This collaborative initiative includes:

- An awareness campaign utilizing print, digital, and social media
- A screening of the documentary *Judging Juries* with post-film discussion
- CLE programming for local attorneys
- Juror Appreciation Day in Spring 2026

# Modern Courts, Modern Juries

*A 4-part speaker series exploring the importance of diverse juries and the barriers to jury service*



## Join Us for the Next Session!

Featuring **James Binnall**, author of *Twenty Million Angry Men: The Case for Including Convicted Felons in Our Jury System*

**January 28, 2026 | 4:30–6:00 PM**

The Whitaker Center, Harrisburg or virtually



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# *Jury Duty* at the Wilma Theater

*An immersive multimedia theatrical work that examines this essential democratic act as both a triumph and a personal responsibility*



**Join Us for an Exclusive Evening at the Wilma**  
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and VIP reception.

**December 5, 2025 | 6:00–8:00 PM**

**The Wilma Theater, Philadelphia**



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# One Day Law School for Journalists

*A free, intensive webinar designed to support journalists and media professionals who face the challenge of reporting on the court system without a law degree*



This year's topics included:

- Preliminary Injunctions
- Accessing Bodycam Footage in Pennsylvania
- Media in the Courtroom
- Transparency vs. Security
- Journalist Privilege: Does it Exist?

# PMC Civics

*A hands-on, eight-month civics education program where judges and lawyers teach civics lessons to students in grades 6–12 at PA's Title I schools.*

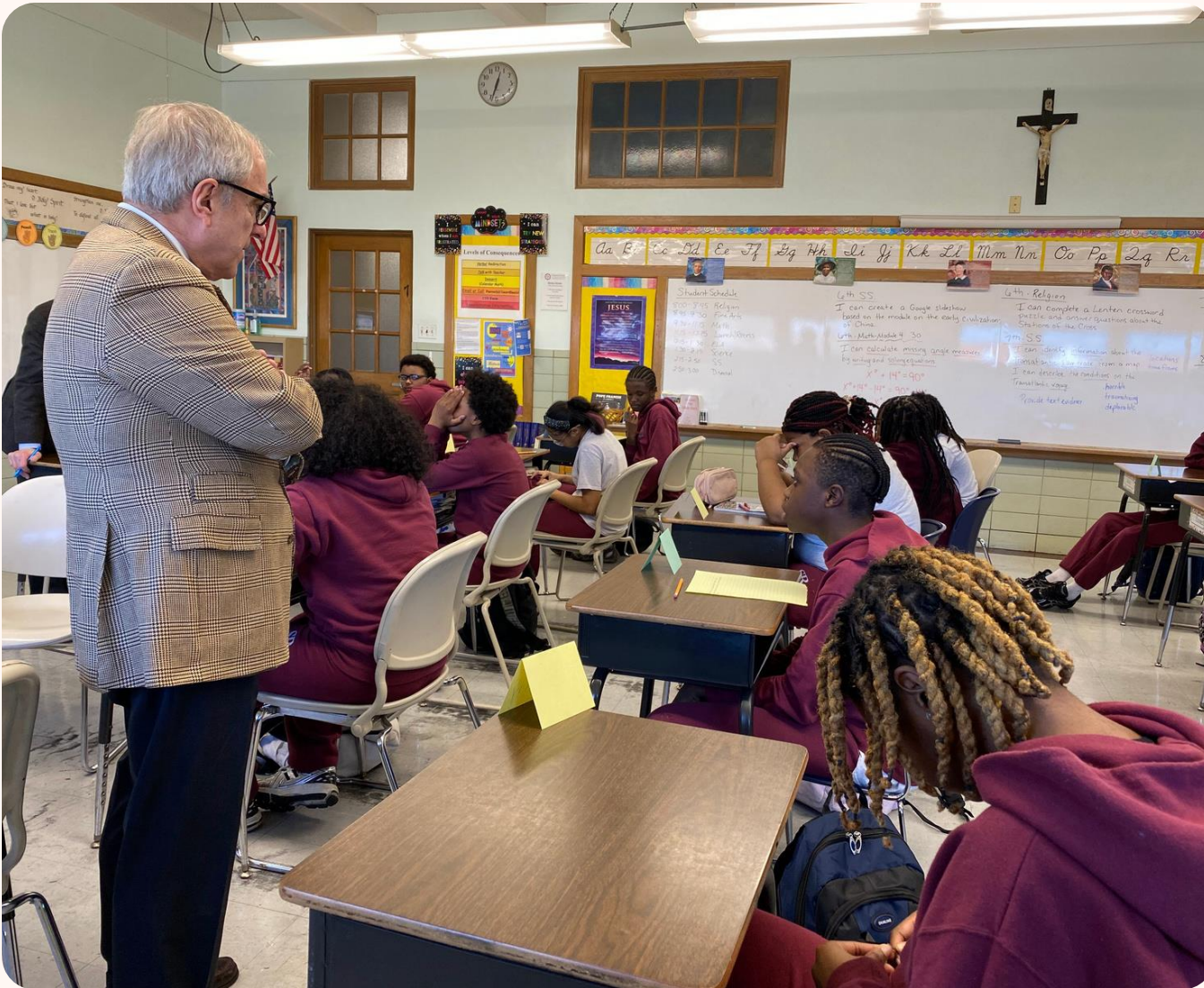


- Now in its third year
- Reached 600+ students last year
- Partnered with 17 schools
- Expanding to Harrisburg and Pittsburgh

*Seeking volunteer instructors!*

# PMC Civics Curriculum

*Over the course of 8 months, students in PMC Civics learn about:*



- The Three Branches of Government
- Pennsylvania Court Basics
- Judicial Elections and Selection
- Jury Service
- First Amendment Rights
- Juvenile Justice
- Criminal Trials and Processes

*Filling critical gaps in Pennsylvania's underfunded civics curriculum*

# Behind the Bench

*An immersive 4-week summer program helping students explore legal careers through real courtroom experiences.*



Students this summer were able to:

- Observe court proceedings in state civil, criminal, family, orphans, superior, and federal courts
- Visit the U.S. Attorney's Office
- Meet with judges behind the bench
- Tour various law firms and speak with lawyers about their careers

“Getting to learn directly from judges and lawyers has been incredible. They bring a wealth of experience that makes the justice system feel real and relevant to us. Some of the judges we’ve met grew up in neighborhoods right in our backyard here in Philadelphia, which makes it even more inspiring. For many of us, this experience is motivating us to explore careers in law and criminal justice.”

— *Student, Franklin Towne Charter High School*



# PMC Watches

*A community-driven court watch program promoting transparency, accountability, and fairness in Pennsylvania's judicial system.*



# Mara Liasson

*Keynote Speaker*



Mara Liasson is the senior national political correspondent for NPR. Her reports can be heard regularly on NPR's award-winning newsmagazine programs *Morning Edition* and *All Things Considered* as well as the NPR politics podcast.

Liasson provides extensive coverage of politics and policy from Washington, DC — focusing on the White House and Congress — and also reports on political trends beyond the Beltway.

# Hon. Jane Cutler Greenspan (Ret.)

*Judge Edmund B. Spaeth Jr. Award Recipient*



Justice Greenspan joined the JAMS panel following a distinguished judicial and legal career spanning more than three decades. She served as a Justice of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, authoring noteworthy and many high-level decisions.

Prior to that, she served for 20 years as a Judge in the Trial Division of the Pennsylvania Court of Common Pleas, and for more than 10 years as an Assistant District Attorney, where she served as a Unit Chief. Justice Greenspan has utilized her extensive legal experience to conduct moot courts for appellate matters and oversee mock arguments.

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**Our honoree tonight exemplifies the best and the brightest, congratulations Jane!**

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**Thank you to PMC for all of your great work promoting an independent and fair judiciary, and congratulations to the Judge Edmund B. Spaeth, Jr. Award honoree, Justice Jane Cutler Greenspan.**





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Jane Cutler Greenspan on receiving the Judge  
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*-Susanna Lachs and Dean Adler*



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**Honorable Jane Cutler Greenspan**



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**Congratulations to  
Justice Greenspan on receiving the Judge  
Edmund Spaeth, Jr. Award!**

*-Ben Picker and Terry Rogale*



**Congratulations to  
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A well deserved award.**

**With love,**

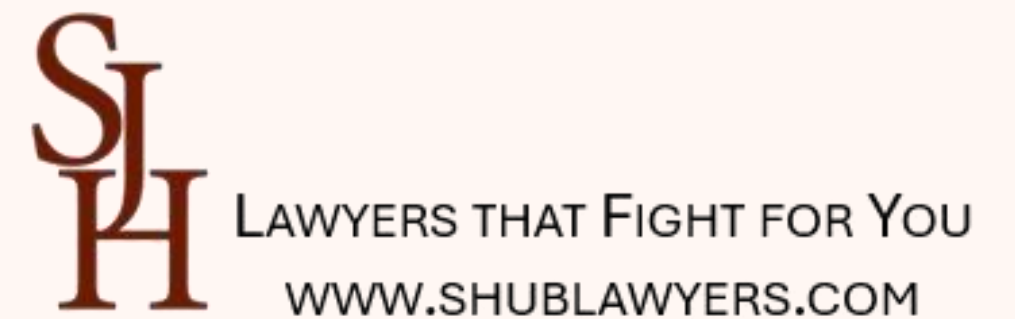
*-Pam and Tony Schneider*





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We join in honoring, Judge Jane Cutler Greenspan,  
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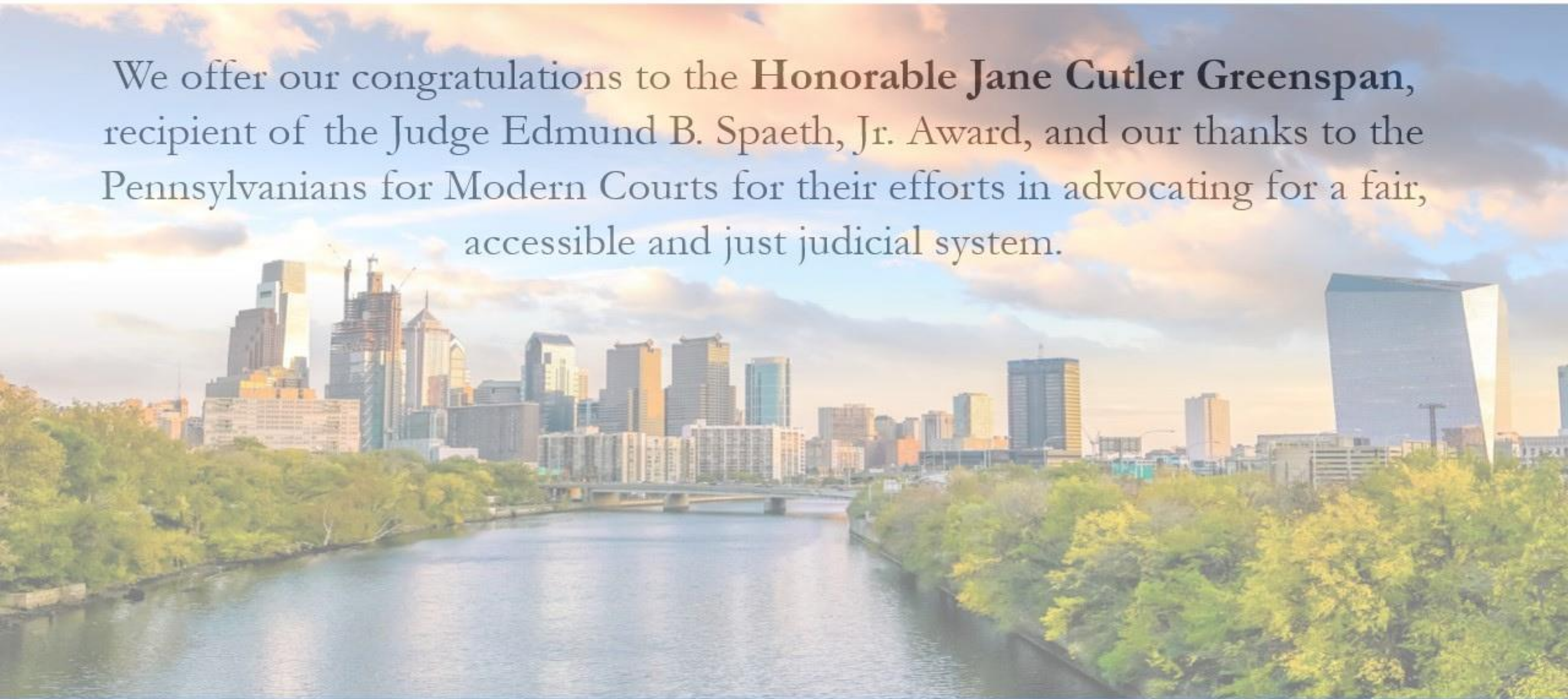
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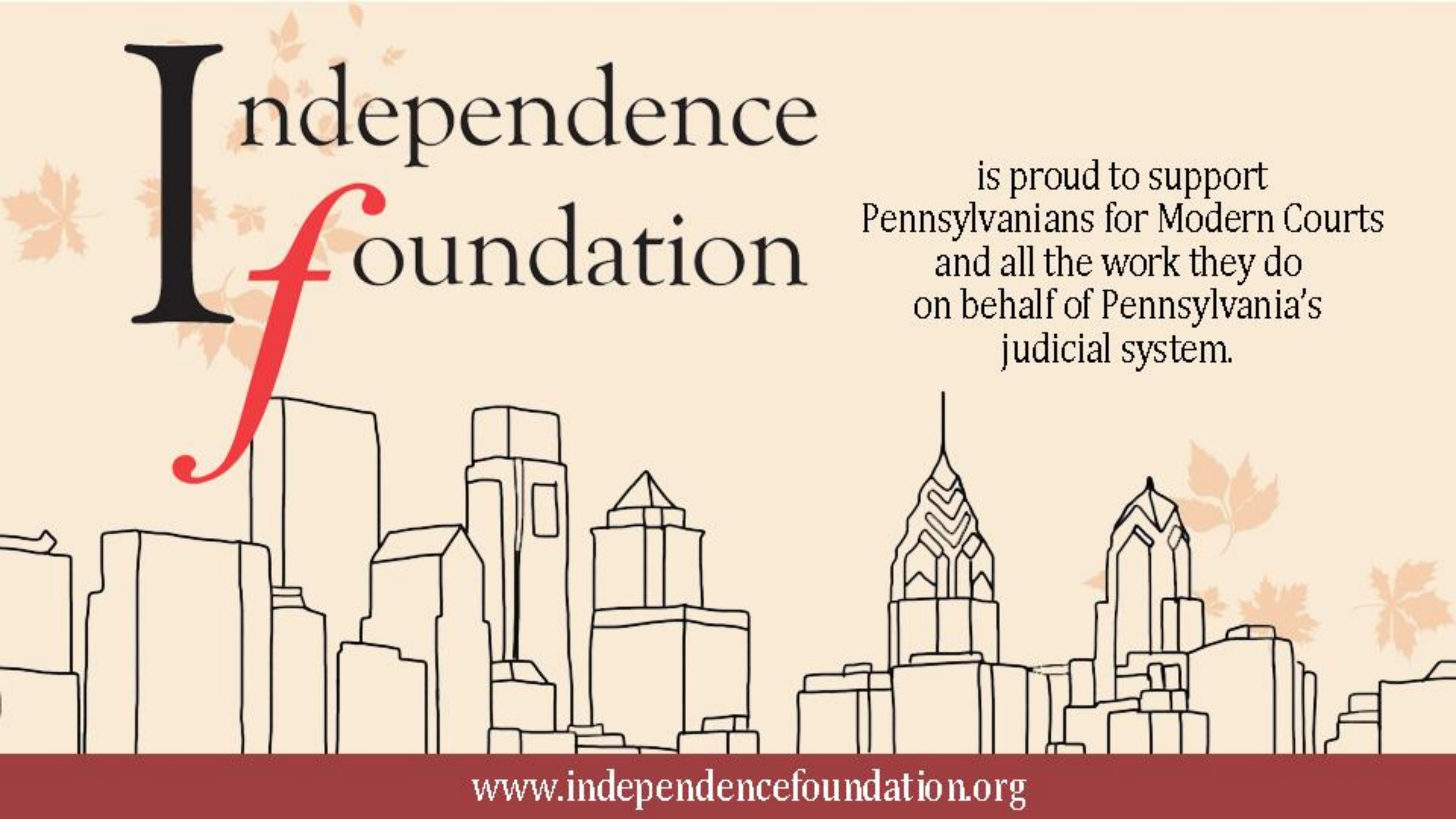


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We offer our congratulations to the **Honorable Jane Cutler Greenspan**, recipient of the Judge Edmund B. Spaeth, Jr. Award, and our thanks to the Pennsylvanians for Modern Courts for their efforts in advocating for a fair, accessible and just judicial system.



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*-Maida Milone*



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**Congratulations to Justice Greenspan for this  
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*-Hon. Carl Solano (Ret.)*





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**Congratulations to our friend Jane  
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for judicial reform.**

*-Marcy and Dan Bacine*





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**PMC and an independent judiciary are  
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*-Lynn Marks*



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**Congratulations to Hon. Jane Cutler  
Greenspan on receiving the Judge  
Edmund Spaeth, Jr. Award.**

*-Hon. Patricia McInerney*



**Congratulations to the Wonderful**  
**Hon. Jane Cutler Greenspan**  
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*-Lou Rulli*  
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**Congratulations to the Hon. Jane Cutler  
Greenspan on receiving the Judge  
Edmund Spaeth, Jr. Award and to  
Pennsylvanians for Modern Courts on  
their Judicial Independence Benefit**

*-Marc and Ann Sonnenfeld*



JAMS neutral Hon. Diane M. Welsh (Ret.),  
extends her congratulations to

**Hon. Jane Cutler  
Greenspan (Ret.),**

also a JAMS neutral, on being honored with the  
**Judge Edmund B. Spaeth, Jr. Award** at the Tenth  
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