

**The Thomas R. Kline Center for Judicial Education
of Duquesne University School of Law**

FACT SHEET

- Thomas R. Kline, a 1978 law alum, donated \$7.5 million to support his alma mater through the establishment of the Thomas R. Kline Center for Judicial Education of Duquesne University School of Law. This is the largest individual gift in the history of the law school.
- Pursuant to a December 2016 order of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, all trial and appellate court judges and justices in the commonwealth are now required to take, annually, twelve continuing judicial education (“CJE”) credits.
- Beginning in January 2018, four of those annual twelve CJE credits must be delivered by the Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts (AOPC) to state judges and justices.
- This transformational gift will enable Duquesne University School of Law, in collaboration with the law schools of this commonwealth, to work in partnership with the AOPC (and its Judicial Education Department) to deliver these four CJE credits to more than 600 jurists. This amounts to over 2,400 CJE credit hours annually.
- The Supreme Court and the AOPC have approved this participation with the Kline Center and the law schools of the commonwealth.
- The Kline Center and the law schools will work together with AOPC in its strategic planning, plan implementation and assist in the actual delivery of CJE courses at sites throughout the commonwealth.
- The Thomas R. Kline Center for Judicial Education is the first of its kind in the country. In no other state does an entity partner with the courts and all other law schools in that state, in a collaborative fashion to provide education to that state’s judiciary, free of charge.
- A small number of universities such as George Mason and Duke offer national seminars for judges from across the country, typically for a cost; these programs resemble standard programs for lawyers that deliver continuing legal education for a registration fee. The University of North Carolina operates a Judicial College that offers courses for judges in that state, essentially replacing the courts’ independent course offerings. Moreover, unlike the new Kline Center for Judicial Education at Duquesne, UNC does not partner with other law schools in the state to provide a network of offerings for its state judges. The Kline Center at Duquesne is therefore unique in the United States in creating such a collaboration that provides courses, free of charge, as a form of public service that is widely available to all judges in the state.
- The Kline Center will provide a forum for academic scholars from a wide range of disciplines to participate with law schools and the AOPC in the planning and teaching of these four CJE credits.
- By using the expertise of scholars in law, science, psychology, health sciences, legal ethics and other areas, the Kline Center will also address emerging areas of law and create a new model for statewide judicial education.
- All of the law schools will have the ability to deliver CJE credits beyond their participation with the Kline Center-AOPC relationship.
- Duquesne Law Dean Maureen Lally-Green, L’74, a former Superior Court of Pennsylvania judge, serves on the state’s Continuing Judicial Education Board of Judges. The Supreme Court created

the board to guide the judiciary in adopting continuing judicial education requirements by making decisions about accreditation, determining if waivers should be granted, and hearing compliance appeals.

- Duquesne University School of Law has more than 106 years of experience in legal education. In addition, for the past 24 years, Duquesne has offered a comprehensive continuing legal education program for attorneys, with courses in ethics and substantive legal topics.
- Duquesne University School of Law counts 150 jurists, current and former, as distinguished alumni (19 federal judges, 18 state appellate judges, and 113 trial court judges).
- The law schools that will support the judicial education initiative in coordination with the Kline Center for Judicial Education are:
 - Thomas R. Kline School of Law at Drexel University
 - Pennsylvania State University Law
 - Pennsylvania State University Dickinson Law
 - Temple University James E. Beasley School of Law
 - University of Pennsylvania Law School
 - University of Pittsburgh School of Law
 - Villanova University Charles Widger School of Law
 - Widener University Commonwealth Law School
 - And, of course, Duquesne University School of Law

BIOS

Thomas R. Kline, L'78 Partner, Kline & Specter, PC

Tom Kline is acknowledged to be one of America's most respected and influential lawyers. He is a founding partner of Kline & Specter, PC, described by *The Philadelphia Inquirer* as "one of the country's leading personal injury law firms." His groundbreaking cases have helped shape the law and have resulted in corporate, institutional and governmental change and justice for his clients.

Kline has consistently been named a top lawyer by leading publications. He has been selected every year as the attorney ranked first among 65,000 active Pennsylvania lawyers by Super Lawyers since its inception in 2004. Lawdragon, listing Kline as one of the top 500 lawyers among 1.3 million active lawyers in America, has described him as "the leading personal injury plaintiffs' lawyer in Pennsylvania." He is the past president of the Inner Circle of Advocates, which *The Washington Post* described as "a select group of 100 of the nation's most celebrated trial lawyers." Kline achieved many landmark jury verdicts in product liability and medical malpractice dating back to the 1980's with seven- and eight-figure jury verdicts in each of four decades. Recent accomplishments include his groundbreaking jury verdicts in the national Risperdal litigation and his leadership as Chair of the Plaintiffs Management Committee in achieving the historic Amtrak 188 settlement. Kline's work in the Penn State/Sandusky litigation and the Piazza fraternity hazing case have gained national attention.

A graduate and recipient of the Distinguished Alumnus Award of Albright College, Kline earned his M.A. from Lehigh University and his J.D. from Duquesne University School of Law, where he received the Distinguished Student Award in 1978 and Distinguished Alumnus Award in 2008.

After completing law school, Kline clerked for Pennsylvania Supreme Court Justice Thomas W. Pomeroy. He later served four U.S. senators over two decades in chairing the Federal Judicial Nominating Commission for the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania for more than a decade.

The Thomas R. Kline School of Law at Drexel University was named for him in 2014, followed by the Thomas R. Kline Institute for Trial Advocacy. The Thomas R. Kline Center for Judicial Education of Duquesne University School of Law, the first of its kind in the nation, launches during the 2017-2018 academic year.

The Honorable Thomas G. Saylor
Chief Justice, Supreme Court of Pennsylvania

Chief Justice Thomas G. Saylor was installed January 6, 2015. He was elected as a justice to the Pennsylvania Supreme Court for a 10-year term in 1997 and was retained for a second term in 2007. Before election to the Supreme Court he was elected to Pennsylvania Superior Court for a 10-year term in 1993.

Chief Justice Saylor started his career in the general practice of law in 1972 and was appointed first assistant district attorney in Somerset County, Pa., serving from 1973-76. He was named director of the Pennsylvania Bureau of Consumer Protection in the Office of Attorney General in 1982 and was promoted to first deputy attorney general for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in 1983, serving until 1987. He returned to private law practice until being elected to the Superior Court.

Chief Justice Saylor is a member of the American Bar Association's Appellate Judges Conference, the Pennsylvania Bar Association and the Cumberland and Dauphin County Bar Associations. He is also a member of the American Law Institute.

He has been an adjunct professor at the Widener University School of Law and has authored numerous articles on various subjects, including constitutional law and the death penalty. He has received honorary Doctor of Laws degrees from the Widener University School of Law and Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania. He recently was a guest speaker at the National Constitution Center town hall meeting where he discussed the Federalist Papers.

Chief Justice Saylor holds a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Virginia in 1969, a Juris Doctor degree from Columbia University School of Law in 1972, and a Masters of Law from the University of Virginia School of Law in 2004.

Kenneth G. Gormley
President and Professor of Law, Duquesne University

Ken Gormley is president and professor of law at Duquesne University in Pittsburgh. He previously served for seven years as dean of Duquesne University School of Law. He joined the faculty in 1994, after teaching at the University of Pittsburgh School of Law and engaging in private practice. Gormley earned his B.A. from the University of Pittsburgh in 1977, summa cum laude, and was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. He received his J.D. from Harvard Law School in 1980, serving as a teaching assistant to Professor Archibald Cox in Constitutional Law.

Gormley's work has earned him a reputation as a highly-respected constitutional scholar, in Pennsylvania and nationally. In 1997, he published *Archibald Cox: Conscience of a Nation* (Perseus Books), the authorized biography of one of the leading lawyers and public servants of the 20th century. The Cox book was awarded the 1999 Bruce K. Gould Book Award for an outstanding publication relating to the law.

In 2010, Gormley published *The Death of American Virtue: Clinton vs. Starr* (Crown), a New York Times bestseller chronicling the scandals that nearly destroyed the Clinton presidency. *The Death of American Virtue* received a 2011 Silver-Gavel Award (Honorable Mention) from the American Bar Association as well as critical acclaim in publications including the *New York Times Book Review* (Editor's Choice), *Washington Post Book World*, *Wall Street Journal*, *Los Angeles Times*, *Atlantic* magazine, and dozens of others. Gormley appeared on NBC's *Today Show*, *The Charlie Rose Show*, *Hardball with Chris Matthews*, NPR's *Fresh Air*, and hundreds of television and radio shows in the United States and worldwide.

Gormley's newest book, *American Presidents and the Constitution: A Living History*, was published by NYU Press in May, 2016.

Gormley has testified in the U.S. Senate three times. He has also testified in the Pennsylvania Senate on state constitutional matters.

Gormley formerly served as president of the Allegheny County Bar Association, the first academic to hold that position in the organization's 137-year history.

From 1998-2001, Gormley served as mayor of Forest Hills, Pennsylvania. He lives there with his wife Laura. They have four children.

**The Honorable Maureen Lally-Green, L'74
Dean, Duquesne University School of Law**

The Honorable Maureen Lally-Green was named the first female to serve as dean of Duquesne University's School of Law, effective July 1, 2017. She had been serving as interim dean since July 2016.

During her rich, diverse law career, Lally-Green served as judge of the Superior Court of Pennsylvania for over 11 years. After retiring from the court, she served in various capacities with the Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh. Her earlier professional life included work as an associate with a private Pittsburgh law firm; counsel to Commodity Futures Trading Commission in Washington, D.C.; counsel to the former Westinghouse Electric Corporation; and consultant to justices of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania. She served as a professor of law at Duquesne Law from 1983-98, and subsequently as an adjunct law professor.

Lally-Green's honors and recognitions include the Helping Hands Judge Mansmann Award; the Presidents' Award from Saint Francis University and Duquesne University; the Anne X. Alpern Award from the Pennsylvania Bar Association; the St. Thomas More Award from the St. Thomas More Society; and Century Club induction at Duquesne University.

Lally-Green currently serves as: member of the Supreme Court's Continuing Judicial Education Board of Judges; chair of the UPMC Mercy Hospital Board of Directors; chair of the Cardinal Wuerl North Catholic High School Board of Directors; and member of the board of directors of Saint Vincent College and of the board of regents of Saint Vincent Seminary.

Lally-Green earned both a B.S. in secondary education and a J.D. from Duquesne University.

Joy G. McNally

Interim Director

Thomas R. Kline Center for Judicial Education of Duquesne University School of Law

Joy G. McNally is the interim director of the newly established Thomas R. Kline Center for Judicial Education of Duquesne University School of Law. Throughout her legal career, McNally has served a number of Pennsylvania's most distinguished jurists. She served as a law clerk to the late Pennsylvania Supreme Court Chief Justice Ralph Jr. Cappy, as well as to former Chief Justice Ronald D. Castille and current Justice Debra M. Todd. Additionally, she clerked for Judge Maureen E. Lally-Green (now dean of Duquesne University School of Law) on the Superior Court of Pennsylvania, and earlier in her career, for the late Judge Carol Los Mansmann on the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit.

In each of these roles, McNally researched and analyzed the issues that came before the court, prepared memoranda of law and other legal documents, assisted in opinion writing, and worked extensively with court personnel and fellow clerks to help jurists produce work product of the highest caliber.

Prior to her clerkships in state and federal court, McNally practiced law for 10 years at the firms of Cindrich & Titus, Cohen and Grigsby and Buchanan Ingersoll.

She earned a Juris Doctor, magna cum laude, in 1983 from the University of Pittsburgh, where she was a member of the Order of the Coif and was topics editor for the *Pitt Law Review*. She earned both an M.A. in special education and a B.S. in psychology from the University of Pittsburgh.

Most recently, McNally taught as an adjunct professor in the Duquesne University School of Law, where she also served as a special advisor to then Law Dean Ken Gormley and assisted him in editing his latest book, *The Presidents and the Constitution: A Living History* (2016).

McNally and her husband reside in Edgewood, Pa., Her community roles include serving as an alternate member of the Edgewood Borough Civil Service Commission.