

Delaware Chapter

Membership Meeting December 4, 2018 9:00 am

Duncan Center 500 Lookerman Street Dover, DE

AGENDA

- 1. Introductions from Terry Teiman, President
- 2. Business Meeting
 - a. Approval of Previous Minutes (10/10/18)
 - b. Treasurer's Report
 - c. Updates from Committees
 - i. Communications Christine Crouch
 - ii. Meetings Mary Ellen Gray
 - d. Nominating Committee-5 members + 2 alternates
 - e. Career Movements
 - f. Correspondence
- 3. Breakfast
- 4. Guest Speaker: Retired Federal Judge Brook Hedge (see bio below) regarding her personal and professional experiences.
- 5. Next Meeting January 23, 2019
- 6. Adjourn

Judge Brook Hedge Retired Federal Judge

In 1992, Brook Hedge was appointed an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia by President George H. W. Bush. From December 2010 to 2017, she served as a Senior Judge and fully-retired in 2018. She moved full-time to Lewes, Delaware in 2011.

From 1977 until her appointment to the court, Judge Hedge pursued her legal career at the United States Department of Justice. She began as a trial attorney in the Federal Program Branch of the Civil Division, representing the interests of the United States in its capacity as both plaintiff and defendant. In 1979, she became an Assistant Director of the Branch, specializing in cases involving law enforcement, national security and foreign policy. Two years later, she became a Director in the Branch, where she supervised over 80 trial attorneys in litigation involving employment policies and decisions, education, health and human services matters, and banking litigation, as well as in suits involving the White House and the Judicial and Legislative Branches of government. Among the awards she received during her tenure with the Department was the Attorney General's second highest award, the Distinguished Service Award.

During her tenure as an Associate Judge, she served in the Civil, Criminal and Family Divisions of the Court, and was the Presiding Judge of the Domestic Violence Unit for three years. She also was Chair of the Court's Technology and Automation Committee, Co-Chair of the IJIS (Integrated Justice Information System) Management Implementation Committee that oversaw the implementation of the Superior Court's case management system, and Chair of the Information Technology Advisory Committee of the City's Criminal Justice Coordinating Council.

Judge Hedge also served on the Boards of Directors of the Women's Bar Association Foundation, the Frederick B. Abramson Memorial Foundation and the Council for Court Excellence. In Lewes, she serves is Chairperson of Lewes's Board of Adjustment that hears appeals from the Building Officials' permit denials and from the Historic Preservation Commission and the Architectural Review Board's decisions. She served on the Board of Directors of the Overfalls Foundation and is currently on the Boards of the Rehoboth Art League and the Coastal Camera Club.

Judge Hedge received her B.A. degree from the University of California at Santa Barbara and her J.D., from Catholic University's law school in Washington, D.C. She worked at the Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights prior to law school and, after law school, clerked for United States District Judge June L. Green, who was the fifth woman appointed to the federal bench.

In Lewes, she can be seen roaming with a camera looking for the photograph that catches her eye. She has exhibited at the Rehoboth Art League and Peninsula Gallery in juried shows and won awards for her photography.