

## HONORABLE DANIEL J. CLIFFORD



Judge Clifford was elected to the Montgomery County Court of Common Pleas in 2015. He is the Administrative Judge of the Family Division and Supervising Judge of Domestic Relations. Prior to his election, Judge Clifford was Managing Partner of the Norristown Office of the Philadelphia based law firms of Wolf Block and Weber Gallagher. He is a Judicial Fellow of the International Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers (IAML) and, in practice, received recognition in the area of international child abduction from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children and the Philadelphia Volunteers for the Indigent Program. He is a member of the International Association of LGBTQ+ Judges. Judge Clifford served as Chair of the 1,400 member PBA Family Law Section (2013-2014). During his term, Judge Clifford's initiatives were the production of the 70-minute, award winning, "*Judicial Interview of the Child*" video to educate judges, lawyers and parents on the custody process (available on YouTube), the passage of Act 102 to reduce the time period from two years to one year for contested divorces (ultimately signed into law by the Governor in 2016) and the adoption of a parenting coordination program in Pennsylvania (adopted by the Supreme Court in 2018). He served on the PBA Diversity Task Force and is a Delegate to the PBA House of Delegates. Judge Clifford received the Pro Bono Award (2014) and Special Achievement Award (2015) from the PBA. He also served on the Board of Directors of the Pennsylvania Bar Institute (2016-2018). The Supreme Court of Pennsylvania appointed Judge Clifford to the Court's Domestic Relations Procedural Rules Committee (2015-2021) and designated him as Vice Chair (2018) and Chair (2020). Active in his community, Judge Clifford served on the Board of Directors of Adoptions from the Heart, Equality Forum, the Advisory Board of Children & Youth Services and he was Chair of the Springfield Township Zoning Hearing Board for 20 years. In 2009, 2011 and 2015, Judge Clifford received the coveted "highly recommended" rating from the Judiciary Committee of the Montgomery Bar Association. Judge Clifford was one of 20 attorneys in the Commonwealth honored as "Diverse Lawyer of the Year" by the *Legal Intelligencer* (2011) in recognition of his efforts in the area of diversity (which includes being the co-founder of the Montgomery Bar's Summer 1L Diversity Program now in its 16<sup>th</sup> year). Judge Clifford is a frequent speaker for PBA, PBI, AFCC, state trial judges, county Bar Associations and he guest lectures every year at four Pennsylvania law schools. The General Assembly appointed Judge Clifford to the Joint State Government Commission, Advisory Committee on Domestic Relations Law, in 2018 (which provides the legislature with expertise and advice in formulating legislation relating to family law). Judge Clifford served as Chair of the Family Court Section of the Pennsylvania Conference of State Trial Judges (2020-2024). He was elected as an Officer in 2024 and will serve as President in 2029-2030 (with usual succession of officers).