

HON. LISETTE SHIRDAN-HARRIS
JUDGE
PHILADELPHIA COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
(PENNSYLVANIA)

The Honorable Lisette Shirdan-Harris was elected to the Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas in November 2005, and retained for a second term in 2015. She has served in all three divisions of the court: Domestic Relations branch of the Family Division; Major Felony branch of the Criminal Trial Division; and currently is a Team Leader in the Complex Litigation Section, Non-jury and Arbitration Appeal branch of the Civil Trial Division. She is a frequent speaker and panelist for continuing legal education for lawyers and judges and at community programs. Judge Shirdan-Harris was appointed Co-Chair of the First Judicial District's Judicial Education Committee and appointed to the Pennsylvania Conference of State Trial Judges' Education Committee. In addition to serving as International Director of NAWJ, she also serves on the board of the International Association of Women Judges as one of two North American delegates. She is a former chair of the National Bar Association's Judicial Council, Clifford Scott Green Chapter and is an active member of several civic and professional organizations. Before taking the bench, she maintained a private practice concentrating in representing entertainment industry clients and non-profits and served as Legal Counsel and Administrator for a multi-employer benefit fund, Laborers' District Council Prepaid Legal Fund. Judge Shirdan-Harris is a Philadelphia native who attended Oakwood College and Temple University and earned her law degree at Loyola University of Chicago. She travels the globe in her spare time, both professionally and personally, and has completed the International Judicial Academy, Sir Richard

May Seminar on International Law and International Courts in The Hague, Netherlands; Loyola University of Chicago School of Law's London Comparative Advocacy Program in England; was an NGO attendee at the Second Annual International Conference on Racial and Gender Equality in Geneva, Switzerland and traveled with the National Bar Association on a legal exchange in the Kingdom of Morocco.