

Judge Christopher Mallios

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Judge Christopher Mallios joined the Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas in January 2016 after practicing law for more than twenty-eight years. He is assigned to the Domestic Relations Section of the Family Law Division, where he presides over proceedings involving protection from abuse, child custody, child support, divorce, and criminal law. Before joining the bench he was the inaugural Sexual Violence Investigative Officer at the University of Pennsylvania, where he served as the principal investigator of complaints of violations of the University's policy on sexual violence, relationship violence and stalking.

Before that, Judge Mallios served as an Attorney Advisor for Aequitas: The Prosecutor's Resource on Violence Against Women from 2010 to 2015, where he earned a national reputation as an expert on sexual violence, domestic violence, stalking, elder abuse and human trafficking. He has traveled throughout the country training and presenting to lawyers, judges and others regarding best practices in responding to these complaints. He was a frequent presenter for the judge advocate general corps lawyers in all branches of the U.S. armed forces. He has also taught judges, lawyers, and law enforcement officers how to improve the criminal justice response to gender-based violence in Liberia and Nepal.

Judge Mallios worked in the Philadelphia District Attorney's Office for nearly 16 years in a series of progressively responsible positions culminating in his service as chief of the office's Family Violence and Sexual Assault Unit. He was also selected to serve as the District Attorney's liaison to Philadelphia's LGBTQ community. He was responsible for ongoing training of more than 300 prosecutors as the District Attorney's Director of Continuing Legal Education and was a frequent presenter for the Pennsylvania District Attorneys Association. Judge Mallios also served as a legislative liaison for the PDAA.

Judge Mallios taught integrated trial advocacy as an adjunct professor at the Beasley School of Law at Temple University and has served as an adjunct professor at the University of Pennsylvania School of Social Policy and Practice, where he was an affiliate of the Ortner Center for Family Violence. Judge Mallios practiced extensively in mental health court and as a criminal defense attorney, representing many indigent defendants as a court-appointed lawyer in criminal trials including death penalty cases.

His honors and awards include the Philadelphia Commission on Human Relations Award for Human Rights in Law Enforcement, the Philadelphia Children's Alliance Team Excellence Award, and Women Organized Against Rape's Signature Award. In 2021, he was chosen to be an officer of the Pennsylvania Conference of State Trial Judges and currently serves as the treasurer of the conference. He was recently appointed to the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency and is the president of the Temple American Inn of Court. He is a former board chair of the Philadelphia LGBTQ Bar Association.

Judge Mallios received his BS in science from the Pennsylvania State University and his JD from Temple University School of Law. He served as a law clerk on the Pennsylvania Supreme Court and the Commonwealth Court of Pennsylvania, and was

admitted to the bars of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania and the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.