



Dear West Chester University Community,

It is with sadness that I write to share the passing of the Honorable Barry C. Dozor '71, one of the longest serving members of the University's Council of Trustees and a distinguished alumnus who dedicated his life to public service.

A lifelong resident of Delaware County, Judge Dozor's legacy spans decades of unwavering commitment to justice, community leadership, and higher education. His recent retirement from the Delaware County Court of Common Pleas marked the end of a remarkable 23-year tenure on the bench, where he earned widespread respect for his fairness, wisdom, and dedication to the rule of law.

In 2024, Judge Dozor entered his seventh term as a Council of Trustee member, having been initially appointed to the Council in 1976 by Governor Milton J. Shapp and then again by four subsequent governors. Judge Dozor, who served as liaison judge for the Family and Juvenile Division, was appointed to the Court of Common Pleas by former Governor Tom Ridge and swore his oath of judicial office on December 13, 2001. He was then elected for a full judicial term that began on January 5, 2004. Judge Dozor had twice been retained for additional 10-year terms: November 5, 2013 and November 7, 2023, respectively.

A proud alumnus of West Chester University and Widener University School of Law, Judge Dozor maintained a lifelong connection to this institution through his many years of service. His perspective brought invaluable insight to University governance, particularly in matters affecting student welfare and institutional integrity.

Judge Dozor's commitment to our University and his thoughtful guidance as a trustee helped shape the institution that we are today. His loss will be deeply felt by our entire campus community.

Funeral services and Judge Dozor's obituary can be found at this [link](#).

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President