

JOSEPH H. EVERS BIOGRAPHY

For forty years, Joseph H. Evers has offered a wealth of administrative knowledge and aptitude to the First Judicial District of Pennsylvania. Beginning as a Data Entry Clerk and progressing upward throughout the years, Joe has earned his current position as the District Court Administrator; the highest non-judicial leadership post in the FJD. At the hand of the Administrative Governing Board, Joe coordinates the operations of a myriad of departments responsible for maintaining the functionality of the entire court system. Despite declining city revenues, Mr. Evers is working tirelessly with his management team to research and develop the best business practices in a budget crisis. Mr. Evers hopes to implement critical changes in the 2014 fiscal year.

Since his official appointment in May 2013, Joe has continued working on efforts to create a transparent court system and to implement paperless processes. Mr. Evers has an extensive history of working toward an eco-friendly FJD, through the use of technological advancements to replace antiquated practices. In January 2009, Joe played an integral role in the execution of the nationally recognized, Civil E-Filing System. Currently, more than 95% of civil filings are submitted through the E-Filing process. Because of the system's rapid success, Criminal Document Management and E-Filing Systems were created. In 2012, Joe also added an Electronic Subpoena System to the electronic filing phenomenon. The E-Filing processes have improved internal and external communication, the accuracy and timeliness of filings, and have generated substantial revenues and cut costs court-wide.

In the midst of transforming the FJD into a tech-savvy government entity, Mr. Evers assumed responsibility as the Prothonotary and, in 2010, the Clerk of Courts. In this dual capacity, he has been responsible for processing and maintaining all documents that directly and materially affect the legal relationships and legal commerce of the citizens of Philadelphia. For 17 years, as the Prothonotary, Mr. Evers has been responsible for the receipt, management, and accounting of all filings and their associated funds.

Joe is a proud Philadelphia native. His roots spread from the Eagles Stadium, where he worked for a number of years, to the political landscape of City Hall. Mr. Evers's mission is to provide the most efficient access to justice to Philadelphia's citizens. So far, within the four decades of which he has served, Joe continues to fulfill his lifelong, career goal.

It should be noted that Joe is a long-standing member of multiple organizations. He serves on the Executive Board of the Pennsylvania Association of Prothonotaries and Clerk of Courts, member of the International Association of Clerks, Recorders, Elected Officials, and Treasurers; member of The National Association of Court Management; member of The Pennsylvania Association of Court Management; member of The Justice Management Institute; member of The American Management Association, and the American Judicature Society.