

## **Chief Justice Margaret H. Marshall**

Margaret H. Marshall was appointed by Governor William F. Weld and was sworn in as an Associate Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court on October 31, 1996. She was appointed by Governor Argeo Paul Cellucci as the twenty-third Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court, and was sworn in on October 14, 1999, the first woman to hold this position in the Court's then three hundred and seven year history. During her tenure on the Supreme Judicial Court Chief Justice Marshall has authored more than three hundred opinions.

### **Education**

Chief Justice Marshall earned her juris doctorate from Yale Law School in June of 1976. She received a master's degree in education from Harvard University in 1969, and a bachelor of arts degree from Witwatersrand University, Johannesburg, in 1964.

### **Legal career**

1999-present	Supreme Judicial Court (Chief Justice)
1996-1999	Supreme Judicial Court (Associate Justice)
1992-1996	Harvard University (Vice President and General Counsel)
1989-1992	Choate, Hall & Stewart (partner)
1976-1989	Csaplár & Bok (associate 1976-1983; partner 1983-1989)

### **Organizational affiliations**

American Academy of Arts and Sciences -Fellow (elected 2001)  
American Association of International Law - Judges Advisory Group (2006 - present)  
American Law Institute - member of the Council (1999-present)  
Boston Bar Association - President (1991-1992)  
Conference of Chief Justices - President (2008-2009)  
International Center for Ethics, Justice and Public Life of Brandeis University -  
board member (2003-2007)  
National Center for State Courts - Chair (2008-2009)  
Southern Africa Legal Services, Inc. - board member (1990-2008; 2009-present)  
Yale Corporation - Fellow (2004-2010)

### **Honorary degrees (*in alphabetical order*)**

Bard College (2008); Brandeis University (2005); Brown University (2001);  
Clark University (2004); Colby College (2000); Curry College (2002); Lesley College (2001);  
New England School of Law (1999); Northeastern University School of Law (2003); Regis  
College (1993); Southern New England School of Law (1997); Suffolk University Law School  
(1999); Tufts University (2003); University of Massachusetts, Worcester (2008); University of  
Witwatersrand, Johannesburg (alma mater) (2000); Western New England School of Law  
(2002); Wheelock College (2004).

**Awards** (*in alphabetical order*)

American Bar Association - Margaret Brent Women Lawyers of Achievement Award (1994)  
American Bar Association - Pursuit of Justice Award (2009)  
American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers - Haskell C. Freedman Award (2004)  
American Jewish Congress - Louis D. Brandeis Award (1994)  
Boston Bar Association - Haskell Cohn Distinguished Judicial Service Award (2009)  
Boston Bar Association - Judicial Excellence Award (2000 and 2005)  
Boston College Law School - Founders Medal (2001)  
Harvard College - Professional Women's Achievement Award (1998) (first recipient)  
Massachusetts Association of Hispanic Attorneys - Honorary Las Primeras Award (2002)  
Massachusetts Association of Women Lawyers - Distinguished Jurist Award (1999)  
Massachusetts Bar Association - Chief Justice Edward F. Hennessey Award (2009) (for  
outstanding leadership in the administration of justice)  
Massachusetts Judges Conference - President's Award (2009)  
Yale Law School - Alumni Award of Merit (2006)

**Personal**

Born on September 1, 1944, in Newcastle, Natal, Republic of South Africa, Chief Justice Marshall was naturalized as a United States citizen in 1978. She lives in Cambridge with her husband, Anthony Lewis.