

## Judge Margret Robb

Margret Robb, known to her family and friends as Maggie, was born in New York City. Her family lived in Colorado, Connecticut and Ohio during her youth. Growing up, Maggie was active in US Y in her hometown as well as attending their camp.

She attended Purdue university as an undergraduate where she met her husband, Stephen, and then never left West Lafayette. After graduating from Purdue with undergraduate and master degrees in business economics, she went on to earn her J.D. magna cum laude from the IU McKinney School of Law. After graduation, Maggie was engaged in the General practice of law in Lafayette, during which time she was appointed by Governor Otis Bowen as the founding chair of the Commission on the Status of Women. Afterwards she went on to chair many Indiana Court task forces and committees over the years.

The first woman elected Chief Judge in (2011 for a three-year term) in the 110 year history of the Indiana Court of Appeals. She was appointed to the court in 1998 by Governor Frank O'Bannon. Judge Robb was retained on the Court of Appeals in 2000, 2010, and 2020. She retired in June 2023 and was appointed by the Supreme Court as a Senior Judge .

Judge Robb has been a voice in the judiciary for the need for Jewish judges. She also voiced her concern about prayers at judicial functions and meals. It is clear that her Judaism is very important to her and is the core of her moral compass.

Maggie has received numerous well-deserved awards and recognitions. She has chaired and served on various statewide Commissions and Task Forces throughout the years.

When Governor Eric Holcomb awarded Judge Robb Indiana's highest award— the Sagamore of the Wabash he wrote " You have been a trailblazer who has inspired other women for decades. Many have become lawyers, judges, and leaders because of you. Your actions and contributions on behalf of women over the years have been exceptional."

Loretta Rush, Chief Justice of Indianas Supreme Court wrote " Reform and innovation have been hallmarks of Judge Robb's career. ....She has and continues to make a difference in so many ways.....And these efforts have unquestionably helped foster a safer, fairer, and better society."

Judge Paul Felix writes in his letter of recognition " Maggie is very deserving of the honor to be inducted into the IJHS Hoosier Hall of Fame . She has shown a commitment to the profession, to her legal and Jewish Community and to the spirit of tikkun olam. The world is a better place because of Maggie."

Maggie's beloved husband, Dr. Stephen Robb is deceased after teaching his entire career as a professor at Purdue University. They are the parents of Douglas A. Robb who is a graduate of the United States Naval Academy, and is a Commander on active duty in the United States Navy stationed in England. He and his wife Kate have two children Lincoln nine and Genevieve seven.

In her free time, Judge Robb reports that her hobbies seem to relate to work, mentoring and paying it forward. In addition, she enjoys reading nonfiction, sewing, needlepoint, and travel.

Certainly, all agree we are fortunate to add Judge Margret (Maggie) Robb's name to the 2024 Hoosier Jewish Hall of Fame.