

**THOMAS W. RENWAND**  
**ACTING CHAIRMAN & CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE**  
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**Experience:**

**Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Environmental Hearing Board**  
**Board Member, Administrative Law Judge** (May 1995-present)  
**Acting Chairman & Chief Administrative Law Judge** (April 2007-present)

- Since being appointed Acting Chairman & Chief Administrative Law Judge by Governor Rendell in April 2007, implemented more disciplined work procedures to enhance the efficiency, accountability, and professionalism of the Environmental Hearing Board.
- Developed innovative techniques for systematic monitoring and disposition of cases in a timely and judicious manner.
- Co-authored the first internal Environmental Hearing Board procedures regarding timely issuance of Adjudications and Opinions.
- Authored more than 275 Adjudications and Opinions and drafted several thousand Orders dealing with pre-hearing motions. Over the past seven years, all except one of these Adjudications and Opinions have been affirmed by the Pennsylvania Appellate Courts (with only four reversals during the preceding seven years).
- Authored major decisions in the areas of coal mining, oil & gas, development of power plants, air quality standards and water pollution.
- Presided over hearings, oral arguments and pre-hearing conferences.
- Scheduled and conducted hearings at court facilities convenient to the parties, including Pittsburgh, Harrisburg, Conshohocken, Norristown, Erie, Somerset, Indiana and Wellsboro.

- Conducted numerous site views, including visits to coal mines, oil & gas wells, landfills, limestone mines, homes, businesses, and lakes.
- Participated in numerous meetings of the Environmental Hearing Board Rules Committee to continue to improve the Environmental Hearing Board's effectiveness, for example, the development of new rules of practice and procedure, including rules providing for representation by counsel and rules to streamline summary judgment practice.
- Presented numerous educational programs concerning Environmental Law to the Pennsylvania, Allegheny County and Philadelphia Bar Associations.
- Implemented a law student internship program in conjunction with the University of Pittsburgh School of Law and Duquesne University Law School.

**Meyer, Unkovic & Scott, LLP** (Pittsburgh)

Partner (1987-May 1995)

- Litigation partner in a law firm of 50 attorneys.
- Represented a variety of clients, including corporations and municipalities, before federal and state courts and administrative agencies in environmental, commercial, professional liability and tort cases.

**Murphy Taylor, P.C.** (Pittsburgh)

Associate (1982 – 1984)

Partner (1985 – 1987)

- Represented a variety of clients, including corporations, municipalities and oil and gas companies, before federal and state courts and administrative agencies in environmental, civil rights, professional liability, employment discrimination and liquor liability suits.

**Knox, McLaughlin, Gornall & Sennett, P.C. (Erie)**  
Associate (1980-1982)

- Represented a variety of clients before federal and state courts and various state administrative agencies, including the Public Utility Commission and the Department of Education.

**Education:**

**University of Akron School of Law**

Juris Doctor, 1980

Editor-in-Chief, *University of Akron Law Review* (1979 – 1980)

Class Rank: 4<sup>th</sup>

Dean's Scholarship (1979 – 1980)

American Jurisprudence Administrative Law Award

Dean's Advisory Committee

**John Carroll University**

Bachelor of Arts, Cum Laude, 1977

1977 Outstanding Senior Award in History

Teaching Assistant (History Department 1976 – 1977)

**Professional Associations:**

Pennsylvania Bar Association

- Administrative Law Section (Past Chair-2005)
- Environmental, Mineral and Natural Resources Law Section

Allegheny County Bar Association

- Environmental Law Section

St. Thomas More Legal Society

**Other Organizations & Activities:**

St. Thomas More Catholic Church

Completed 17 Marathons and 15 Half-Marathons since 1996, including Pittsburgh, Erie, Chicago, Las Vegas, Richmond, Akron, and Naples.