

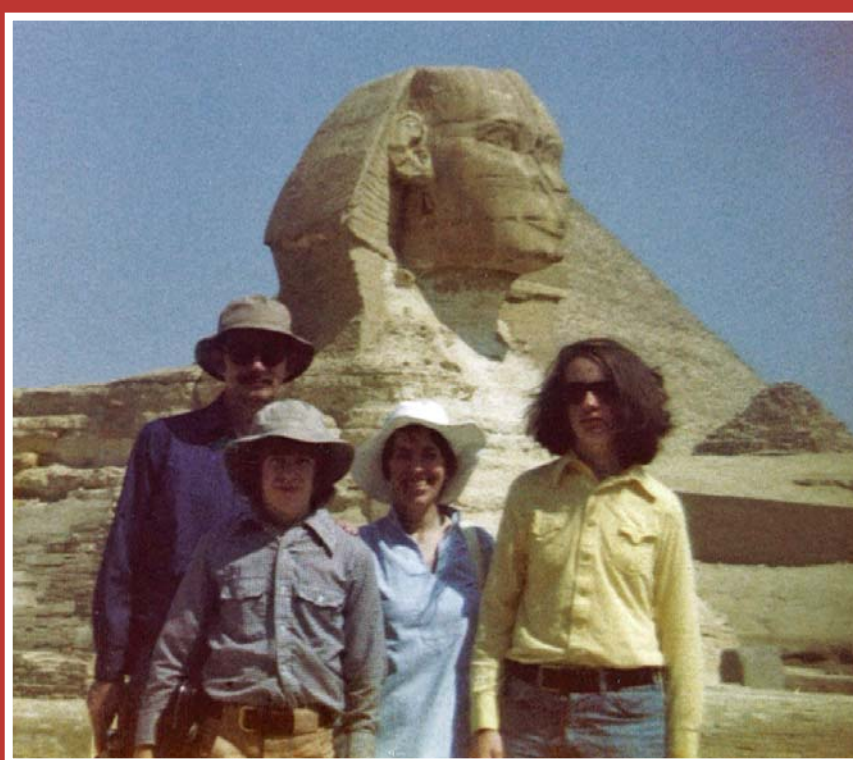
JUDGE DIANA E. MURPHY

U.S. COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE EIGHTH CIRCUIT



Judge Diana E. Murphy (Photo credit: Roger Rich/University of St. Thomas)

- ◆ First woman to be Chief Judge of a district court in the Eighth Circuit
 - ◆ First woman to be a U.S. District Judge in Minnesota
- ◆ First woman to be Chief Judge of the U.S. District Court, District of Minnesota
 - ◆ First woman appointed to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit
- ◆ First woman to chair the U.S. Sentencing Commission



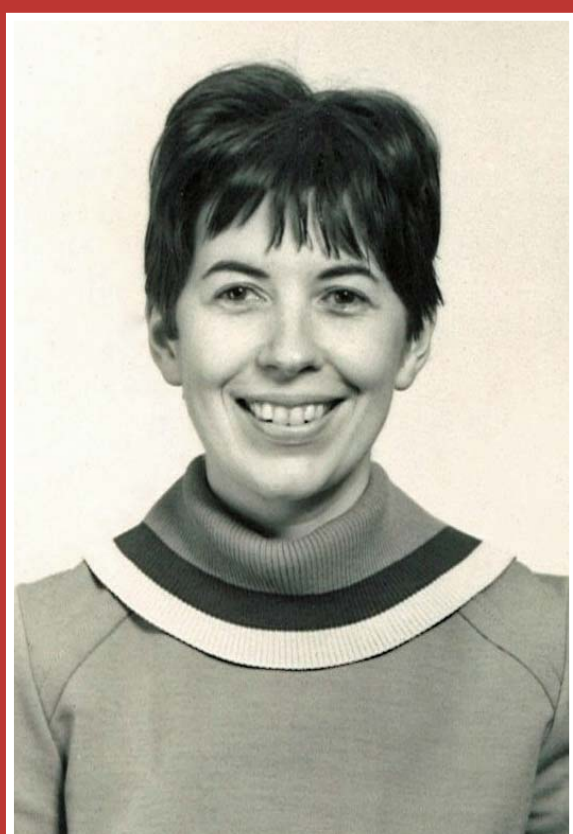
Two above, left: Judge Murphy's mother, a nurse, and father, a doctor.
Above, right, top: The Murphy family, L-R: Husband Joe, son John, Judge Murphy, son Michael.
Above, right, bottom: Sons John and Michael with Judge Murphy.

The woman of so many significant firsts did not initially set out to be a judge. She started out studying history and ended up making history.

Judge Murphy was born Diana E. Kuske in 1934, in Faribault, Minnesota. She earned her Bachelor of Arts, magna cum laude, from the University of Minnesota in 1954 and studied history on a Fulbright scholarship at the Johannes Gutenberg University in Mainz, Germany. She completed course work for a doctorate at the University of Minnesota in 1958. While working on her doctorate, she taught Modern European History at the University of Minnesota and met Joseph Murphy, a fellow teaching assistant. They married and had two sons, Michael and John.

As her sons grew older, she became active in community affairs and human rights issues, and eventually enrolled in law school at the University of Minnesota. She received her Juris Doctor, magna cum laude, in 1974, and was Order of the Coif and editor of the *Minnesota Law Review*.

After law school, she entered private practice in the Minneapolis firm Lindquist & Vennum. In 1976, she was appointed to the Hennepin County Municipal Court and then to the Hennepin County District Court, where she served from 1978 to 1980.



Judge Murphy in her early years



Judge Murphy with labor leaders