



HON. RICHARD BENDER ABELL

Federal Judiciary (Retired)

1943

Born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to Lon Edward Welch Jr. and Charlotte Amelia Bender.

1966

Receives a Bachelor of Arts in international affairs from the George Washington University.

1967

Volunteers with the Peace Corps in Colombia.

1968

Marries Lucia del Carmen Lombana-Cadavid.

1969

Serves in the U.S. Army.

1970

Receives several honors from the U.S. Army, including a Decorated Purple Heart, a Commendation Medal for Heroism, an Air Medal, and the Combat Infantryman's Badge.

1974

Receives a Doctor of Jurisprudence from the George Washington University Law School.

1974

Admitted to practice in the state of Pennsylvania, becomes an associate at Reilly & Fogwell, and an assistant district attorney in Chester County, Pennsylvania.

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Becomes a deputy sheriff in Chester County, Pennsylvania.

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1979

Becomes a staff member to U.S. Senator Richard Schweiker in Washington, D.C.

1981

Becomes director of the Office of Program Development for the Peace Corps in Washington, D.C.

1983

Becomes deputy assistant attorney general for the Office of Justice Programs of the U.S. Department of Justice in Washington, D.C.

1986

Becomes assistant attorney general for the U.S. Department of Justice.

1991

Becomes a Special Trial Judge/ Special Master for the U.S. Court of Federal Claims.

1996

Authors "Peter Smith of Westmoreland County, Virginia (Died 1741) and Some Descendants."

1998

Serves as editor of "Sojourns of a Patriot: Field and Prison Papers of an Unreconstructed Confederate."

2018

Honored with the Albert Nelson Marquis Lifetime Achievement Award and the Distinguished Humanitarian Award from Marquis Who's Who.

A Timeline of Professional Milestones