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Former Chief Justice of the Colorado Supreme Court, Nancy Rice joined JAG in September, 2018. Justice Rice was appointed to the Denver District Court in 1987, where she served on the criminal, domestic, and civil bench. During her 11 years on the District Court bench, she presided over a broad range of civil, criminal, probate, and domestic relations, including several high-profile cases.

Rice was appointed to the Colorado Supreme Court in 1998. As a member of the Court, Rice wrote decisions in civil, criminal, domestic, probate, water and other areas of the law. She served as the Chief Justice for almost 5 years until her retirement in June, 2018.

Prior to her judicial service, Justice Rice was a clerk for the Honorable Fred Winner, U.S. District Court Judge, Colorado, a deputy public defender in the appellate division, and an assistant U.S. attorney in both the criminal and civil divisions. In that capacity, Rice tried numerous cases in the federal district court, and also argued in front of the Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals.

Justice Rice taught motion practice and advanced trial practice at the University of Colorado for twenty years. She has also taught at the University of Denver School of Law..

Justice Rice is a frequent presenter at CLE seminars on evidence, trial practice, appellate practice, ethics, and views from the bench. She has also written numerous articles on trial and motion practice, as well as legal writing.

Justice Rice was born in Boulder, Colorado, but moved to Cheyenne, Wyoming and graduated from high school there. She went to Tufts University and the University of Utah School of Law. Rice is an avid golfer and lover of music.

Judicial Service

Chief Justice, Colorado Supreme Court, 2013 - 2018

Colorado Supreme Court, 1998 - 2018

Denver District Court, 1987 – 1998

Education

J.D. - University of Utah School of Law

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