

## Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals Judge Stephen S. Trott

**Stephen S. Trott** (born December 12, 1939 in Glen Ridge, New Jersey) is currently a Senior Circuit Judge for the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, chambered in Boise, Idaho. Judge Trott was nominated for this position by President Ronald Reagan on August 9, 1987. Hearings on Judge Trott's nomination were held before the United States Senate Committee on the Judiciary on November 13, 1987 and his nomination was reported by the then – U. S. Senator Joseph Biden on December 3, 1987. On March 24, 1988, he was confirmed by the U.S. Senate, and received his commission the following day. He took senior status on December 31, 2004.

Judge Trott is a noted scholar and lecturer on American history and law. He is a lecturer on the United States Constitution as well as Classical Music.

### Education:

**Wesleyan University**, B.A., French Literature, 1962. As a freshman, in 1959 Judge Trott was an early member of the folk music group The Highwaymen.

**Harvard Law School**, LL.B., 1965

**Santa Clara University**, honorary Doctor of Laws Degree, 1995

**University of Idaho**, honorary Doctor of Laws Degree, 2001. Where he served on their Law School Advisory council.

### Professional Career:

After law school, Judge Trott and become a prosecutor for 23 years, 17 in the District Attorney's Office in Los Angeles and six with the Federal Government.

**Deputy District Attorney**, Los Angeles County, California, 1966-1981; chief deputy district attorney, 1975-1979

**U.S. Attorney** for the Central District of California, 1981-1983

**Assistant Attorney General**, Criminal Division, U.S. Department of Justice, 1983-1986

**Associate Attorney General**, U.S. Department of Justice, 1986-1988

Judge Trott is a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers and represented the United States Government before the United States Supreme Court. (*United States v. Abel*, 469 U.S. 45 (1984).

### Personal Life:

Judge Trott sang baritone with the Highwaymen and plays guitar. The Highwaymen a folk music group famous for their 1960's first single release, and gold record "Michael Row the Boat Ashore," which sold over three million copies worldwide and was followed by "Cotton Fields," which also sold over one million copies. The Highwaymen performed as a group for 42 years, including appearances on the Ed Sullivan Show, the Johnny Carson Show. Judge Trott's family include wife Carol, daughters Christie, a school teacher, and Shelley, a professional dancer -- plus grandchildren Jack, Leila, Samantha and Hailey.

Judge Trott has served on the Board of Directors of the Boise Philharmonic Association for 15 years and was its the President for 4 years. He has been the pre-concert speaker for many years for both the Boise Philharmonic Association and the Seattle Symphony. He was a founding

member of the Boise Philharmonic Foundation and continued to served as its Secretary-Treasurer as of December 2016. He also served on the Board of Directors of the Children's Home Society in Boise for 15 years and served as their president for 3 years, while also serving as their official magician. He served for 10 years as a Board member of the Esther Simplot Performing Arts Academy. Judge Trott enjoys fishing the lakes and rivers of Idaho and Montana as well as performing his magic act for local children. He has provided magic shows in Boise since 1988 for the Salvation Army, the Idaho Botanical Garden (Mad Hatters Event), the Boise Philharmonic Association, the Cub Scouts, the Boys and Girls Club of Nampa as well as the Children's Home Society.