

### Justice Rosemary Barkett

Justice Barkett is a Judge of the Iran–United States Claims Tribunal. Previously, she served as a United States Circuit Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit. Prior to her nomination for that post, she was Chief Justice of the Florida Supreme Court.

Born in Mexico to parents who were emigrants from Syria, she is recognized as the first woman, Arab American, and Hispanic judge (of Syrian descent) on the Florida Supreme Court—contrasting with Justice Raoul Cantero who was the first Justice of Hispanic descent.

The 71st Justice of the Court, Rosemary Barkett was the first woman to serve and the first female Chief Justice. Her career was a remarkable one. Early in life, Barkett joined a convent where she remained for many years. Later, the Convent's authorities released Barkett from her vows, and Barkett then attended the University of Florida College of Law, where she was an honors student. Barkett was appointed to the circuit court in 1979, then to the Fourth District Court of Appeal in 1984. Governor Bob Graham appointed her to the Supreme Court in 1985. In 1994, she resigned when President Bill Clinton named her to the U.S. Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals.