

JUSTICE CHRISTOPHER SHEA NICKELL
PAST INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR

Justice Christopher Shea Nickell from Paducah, Kentucky, USA, was elected to serve a two-year term as a director of Lions Clubs International at the association's 102nd International Convention held in Milan, Italy, July 5 through July 9, 2019.

On November 5, 2019, Past Director Nickell was elected to serve as a Justice on the seven-member Supreme Court of Kentucky. He previously served thirteen years as a Judge on the Kentucky Court of Appeals, having been first elected in 2006 and having been selected Chief Judge Pro Tempore. Prior to becoming an appellate judge, he served 22 years as a trial attorney, prosecutor, public advocate, and university instructor. In 1995, the Kentucky Bar Association recognized him as the Outstanding Kentucky Young Lawyer.

A member of the Paducah Lions Club since 1989, he has held many offices within the association, including club president, district governor, multiple district council chair, and president of the Kentucky Lions Eye Foundation. He was a member of the 94th Lions International Convention's Rules Committee, co-chairperson of the 96th Lions International Convention's Nominations Committee, and co-parliamentarian and DG/PDG Banquet chair of the 100th Lions International Convention. He was also a faculty member for the inaugural "Bachelor's Degree" club-level programs of Lions University.

In recognition of his service to the association, Past Director Nickell has received numerous awards, including the Senior Master Key Award and several International Presidential awards. He is a member of the Kentucky Lions Hall of Fame.

In addition to his Lions activities, Past Director Nickell has been active in many professional and community organizations. An Eagle Scout, he has been recognized as a Kentucky Colonel, Duke of Paducah, Honorary Captain of the Belle of Louisville, and a Sagamore of the Wabash.

Past Director Nickell is a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow and his wife, Lion Carolyn S. Watson, M.D., a pathologist, is also a Melvin Jones Fellow.