



Speaker Biographies

Claire Swift, Assemblywoman, NJ Assembly – District 2

A life-long resident of Atlantic County, Claire Swift was sworn in as assemblywoman in January 2022.

Swift earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Pennsylvania in 1996 and a law degree from Widener University Law School in 1999.

She clerked in Atlantic City for Michael Winkelstein, the assignment judge for Superior Court in Atlantic and Cape May counties, from 1999 to 2000. Following her role as a deputy attorney general from 2000 to 2003, she started a law firm with two of her brothers.

She has been a member of the Atlantic County Bar Association since 2005 and has served on the Committee of Character and Fitness for the state board of Bar Examiners from 2013 to 2016.

An active volunteer in her local community, she has served as a member of the Stockton's Women's Leadership Council since 2019, the Atlantic County Chamber of Commerce since 2018, and the Atlantic County Board of Realtors since 2005.

Swift lives in Margate with her husband, John, and three children, Jack, Anthony and Claire. They reside on the same street where she grew up with her father and seven siblings.

Bethanne McCarthy Patrick, Assemblywoman, NJ Assembly – District 3

Bethanne McCarthy Patrick was sworn in as an assemblywoman in January 2022.

McCarthy Patrick owns and runs the Cornerstone Grill Café in Carney's Point with her husband Luke, and works as an EMT for Inspira Health. After 27 years as a firefighter and emergency medical technician, she retired from Pennsville Fire and Rescue, where she currently remains a life member.

Previously, she served on the Mannington Township board of education from 2018 to 2021; and the Salem County Chamber of Commerce board of directors from 2017 to 2018.

Born and raised in Pennsville, McCarthy Patrick lives in Mannington.

Beth Sawyer, Assemblywoman, NJ Assembly – District 3

Beth Sawyer was sworn in as assemblywoman in January 2022.

Sawyer is a full-time real estate broker, operating her own firm since 2020. Previously, she was an executive for developer J.P. Orleans in Philadelphia, Pa.

She grew up in northwestern Pennsylvania. Her mother worked for clothing retailer Blair Corporation and her father for the United Refining Company. She moved to Gloucester County in 1993 after attending Penn State University.

Previously she served on the Woolwich Township Joint Land Use Committee from 2018 to 2019. She is a member of the Union League of Philadelphia, established in 1862 to oppose slavery and defend the free enterprise system.

Sawyer is a resident of Woolwich Township, and mother of two grown children.

Pamela Lampitt, Assemblywoman, NJ Assembly – District 6

Assemblywoman Pamela Lampitt has represented New Jersey's 6th Legislative District since 2006. She currently serves as the Chairwoman of the Assembly Education Committee. She serves as Vice-Chair of the Assembly Financial Institutions Committee.

Assemblywoman Lampitt has been a staunch advocate for the working women and men of New Jersey, and has been at the vanguard of key policy issues affecting New Jersey's middle-class and working families. She authored the law providing earned sick days to all New Jerseyans as well as New Jersey's Equal Pay Act, which is among the most progressive pay equity laws in the nation.

In her tenure as Chairwoman of the Assembly Education Committee, Assemblywoman Lampitt has tackled many critical issues, from sexual misconduct in schools to improving school security and school mental health services. Additionally, the committee was instrumental in advancing new laws expanding access to school breakfast and lunch programs to ensure that no child is forced to go hungry during the school day.

A constant advocate for New Jersey's students, Assemblywoman Lampitt authored the law which streamlined the process for higher education transfer credits—ensuring that residents have access to an affordable, quality higher education.

A longtime resident of Cherry Hill Township, Assemblywoman Lampitt began her career in public service on the Township's Zoning Board. She was elected to the Township Council in 2003, where she served from 2004-2006. Originally born in Natick, Massachusetts, Assemblywoman Lampitt has made her home in Cherry Hill for over two decades. She received a degree in Culinary Arts and Management from Johnson & Wales University. Employed by the University of Pennsylvania since 1981, Assemblywoman Lampitt currently serves as the Director of Business Services, Hospitality Services.

Assemblywoman Lampitt and her husband, Charles, reside in Cherry Hill. They have two children and are proud grandparents of their two grandsons.

Carol Murphy, Assemblywoman, NJ Assembly – District 7

State Assemblywoman Carol A. Murphy is in her third term representing the Seventh Legislative District in the New Jersey General Assembly and is a member of legislative leadership holding the position of Majority Whip.

Assemblywoman Murphy was elected in 2017 and is the first woman in over twenty years to represent the Seventh Legislative District in the General Assembly. Born in Colorado Springs, Colorado, Carol is the daughter of a Bronze Star US Army Veteran. Through her father's service in the military, she learned early on the importance of public service and led to her spending the entirety of her career devoted to helping others.

Prior to serving in the state legislature, Assemblywoman Murphy worked at the New Jersey Schools Development Authority, serving as the Community Relations Manager where she established a transparent government records

division. As a chief of staff and policy director in the state legislature, Assemblywoman Murphy worked on major public policy initiatives that included pay equity, fair wages, women's healthcare, gun violence, state debt reduction, prescription drug affordability, property tax relief and economic growth.

Assemblywoman Murphy serves as Vice Chair on the Assembly Judiciary Committee and is a member of the Assembly Budget Committee, the Assembly Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee in addition to her role as a member of the senior leadership team in the majority caucus. Additionally, Carol serves on the Executive Committee of the National Conference for State Legislatures (NCSL), serves as co-chair for the NCSL sub-committee on State-Federal Policy and is the New Jersey State Director of the National Foundation for Women Legislators.

Assemblywoman Murphy is also a member of numerous non-profit boards which include New Jersey Council of Humanities (Board Member), Alice Paul Institute in Paulsdale (Board Member), Girl Scouts Trefoil Society (member), and the Girl Scouts (Delegate for Burlington County). In 2020, Carol started a non-profit, Brittany Morgan's Kids, an organization assisting children in Burlington County.

Assemblywoman Murphy currently, she and her husband Michael Muller live in the Rancocas section of Mount Laurel with their cat, Lexington.