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John E. Jones III is the 30th president of Dickinson College. Jones previously served as chair of Dickinson's board of trustees and retired as chief judge of the U.S. Middle District Court of Pennsylvania. He was appointed to the federal bench by President George W. Bush and unanimously confirmed by the United States Senate in 2002.

Jones presided over a number of high-profile cases, including the landmark case of *Kitzmiller v. Dover School District*, after which he held that it was unconstitutional to teach intelligent design within a public school science curriculum. He also resolved the matter of *Whitewood v. Wolf* by striking down as unconstitutional Pennsylvania's ban on same-sex marriage. Jones co-chaired Pennsylvania Governor-elect Tom Ridge's transition team and served as chair of the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board.

Jones has received numerous accolades during his career. In 2006, *Time Magazine* named him as one of its *Time 100* most influential people in the world. Additional honors include a George Washington Spirit Society induction, the Pennsylvania Bar Association's inaugural John Marshall Judicial Independence Award, a Geological Society President's Medal and an honorary doctorate from Dickinson College.

Jones is a graduate of Mercersburg Academy, Dickinson College and Penn State Dickinson Law. He and his wife Beth have two children and four grandchildren.