



ELLEN BOURKE EWING  
CLASS OF 1962

Ellen was a popular, enthusiastic supporter of Seneca, and named Most Athletic in her Senior year. . She received her undergraduate degree from Kentucky Wesleyan in 1967.

Upon graduation from the University of Louisville School of Law, Ellen became a staff attorney for the Kentucky Commission on Human Rights. In 1975, she was appointed a part-time Trial Commissioner with the Juvenile Court, and five months later she became a full time Judge. Ellen was the first woman to sit on Kentucky's former Juvenile Court bench.

Ewing was elected to the Jefferson Circuit Court in 1983 and she was one of only three women to have served in that court until she retired in 1998.

IN 1985 , Judge Ewing received the Brandeis Distinguished Alumni Award from the University of Louisville Law School, and in 1990 the Louisville Bar Association named her Judge of the year.

At Seneca High School, the Trial Law Courtroom is named in her honor.

Ellen passed away in January of 2004, at the age of 59, after a courageous fight against breast cancer.