



CLASS OF

1965

SANDRA BAILEY OGREN

Sandra Bailey Ogren (1947–2010) graduated from Bismarck High School in 1965. After studying at Luther College in Iowa, she attended law school at the University of Minnesota.

Over the course of her career, Ogren worked as an attorney with the Minnesota Attorney General's office. She was the Director of Enforcement for the Chicago office of the federal Environmental Protection Agency and served for three years as a Minnesota Appellate Court judge.

Ogren was appointed Minnesota Supreme Court Judge in 1991 and served in that role until 1998. Her appointment gained national recognition because Minnesota was the first state to have a female-majority Supreme Court. Bob Von Sternberg of the *Minneapolis Star Tribune* wrote that Ogren was a powerful, ubiquitous presence in Minnesota state government, its judiciary and higher education for more than three decades."

After leaving Minnesota's highest court, Ogren accepted the position of Vice President for University Relations at the University of Minnesota, and later worked as Vice President for Advancement at California Polytechnic University – a position she held from 2004–2010. Cal Poly President Warren Baker was quoted as saying, "Ogren was an outstanding vice president for advancement, one of the best in the country. She was a person of extraordinary integrity, high ideals, compassion and empathy. She was deeply committed to her family and many friends."

Ogren loved hard, challenging work, and felt strongly that public service offered opportunities to make the community a better place. Family and friends knew Sandee as a brilliant, accomplished professional, and more importantly, an exceptionally kind, loving, generous and fun person.

She is survived by her husband, Paul, and her stepchildren, Samuel and Shana.

