



*Sixth Circuit Judicial Conference*

*2007*

*Annual Report*

*and*

*Roster of Judges*

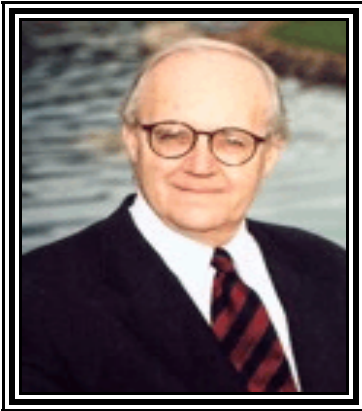
*May 9-12, 2007*

*The Grove Park Inn*

*Asheville, North Carolina*

*Danny J. Boggs*

*Chief Judge*



## *A Message From the Chief Judge*

### *Welcome*

I take great pleasure in welcoming you to the sixth judges-only conference of the Sixth Circuit. As many of you know, the Court of Appeals adopted Rule 205 in 1999 to be effective beginning with the 2000 conference. That rule calls for the regular rotation between conferences that are open to all attorneys admitted to practice in the federal courts of our circuit and judges-only conferences.

Our open conference in Detroit last year was highly successful and we look forward to an excellent open conference next year in Chattanooga. Thanks, as always, is owed to our Standing Committee on Conference Planning, chaired by Chief District Judge James G. Carr of the Northern District of Ohio.

Judge Carr and his committee of judges and lawyers, with the assistance and support of the Federal Judicial Center, has given us another outstanding group of topics and speakers. Their efforts will ensure another stimulating and enjoyable conference.

### **COMMITTEES AND APPOINTMENTS**

The Sixth Circuit continues to be well represented by the many judges who serve on the committees of the Judicial Conference of the United States and other special assignments for the administration of justice. The complete roster of committee members from the Sixth Circuit is as follows:

Hon. Sandra S. Beckwith  
Southern District of Ohio  
Committee on Defender Services

Hon. Paul D. Borman

Eastern District of Michigan  
Committee on Court Administration  
and Case Management

Hon. R. Guy Cole, Jr.  
Sixth Circuit  
Advisory Committee on Bankruptcy Rules

Hon. Jennifer B. Coffman  
Eastern and Western Districts  
of Kentucky  
Committee on Judicial Resources

Hon. Robert L. Echols  
Middle District of Tennessee  
Committee on the Judicial Branch

Hon. Richard Alan Enslin  
Western District of Michigan  
Committee on Criminal Law

Hon. Julia Smith Gibbons  
Sixth Circuit  
Chair, Committee on the Budget

Hon. Ronald Lee Gilman  
Sixth Circuit  
Committee on Federal-State Jurisdiction

Hon. James S. Gwin  
Northern District of Ohio  
Committee on Information Technology

Hon. David A. Katz  
Northern District of Ohio  
Committee on the Administrative Office

Hon. Damon J. Keith  
Sixth Circuit  
Committee on the Judicial Branch

Hon. David W. McKeague  
Sixth Circuit

Committee on the Budget

Hon. Joseph H. McKinley, Jr.  
Western District of Kentucky  
Committee on Financial Disclosure

Hon. James D. Moyer  
Western District of Kentucky  
Committee on Federal-State Jurisdiction

Hon. Kathleen M. O'Malley  
Northern District of Ohio  
Committee on Space and Facilities

Hon. Dan A. Polster  
Northern District of Ohio  
Committee on the Administration of the  
Magistrate Judge System

Hon. Gordon J. Quist  
Western District of Michigan  
Chair, Committee on Codes of Conduct

Hon. Edmund A. Sargus, Jr.  
Southern District of Ohio  
Committee on Space and Facilities

Hon. Charles R. Simpson III  
Western District of Kentucky  
Committee on International Judicial  
Relations

Hon. David T. Stosberg  
Western District of Kentucky  
Committee on the Administration of the  
Bankruptcy System

Hon. Jeffrey S. Sutton  
Sixth Circuit  
Advisory Committee on Appellate Rules  
**CONCLUSION**

I want to take this opportunity to express my appreciation once again to the many District Judges of this circuit who have responded to my requests for assistance by agreeing to sit with the Court of Appeals this year. The Court could not have functioned effectively without your continuing help.

Again, I welcome each of you to this Conference and thank the many judges and staff who have worked so hard to make this a great Conference.

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## *Judicial Personnel in the Sixth Circuit*

### *Deaths*

***John M. Manos.*** The Honorable John M. Manos, Senior District Judge for the Northern District of Ohio, passed away on July 6, 2006 at the age of 84. A lifelong Cleveland resident, Judge Manos attended Case Institute of Technology at Case Western Reserve University where he received a B.S. in Metallurgy. During World War II he was on active duty with the U.S. Navy. After the war, Judge Manos attended Cleveland Marshall Law School. He served as a Judge of the Court of Common Pleas for Cuyahoga County and a Judge of the Ohio Court of Appeals for the Eighth Appellate District. Judge Manos was appointed to the United States District Court in 1976 and took senior status on April 1st, 1991. Judge Manos continued to serve the Court until his passing. Active in professional and community organizations, he held memberships in the Federal, American, Cuyahoga County, and Greater Cleveland Bar Associations and was a founding member of the Celebrezze Cleveland Inns of Court. He was the recipient of numerous awards including the Outstanding Alumnus Award from

Cleveland Marshall Law School and Distinguished Service Award from the Northern Ohio Chapter of the Federal Bar Association. Judge Manos will be missed by all who knew him.

***Douglas W. Hillman.*** The Honorable Douglas W. Hillman passed away on February 1, 2007, just fourteen days shy of his 85th birthday. Judge Hillman was appointed to the United States District Court for the Western District of Michigan in 1979, and served the District as its Chief Judge from 1986 to 1991 when he assumed senior status. He retired from the bench in 2002. Judge Hillman's undergraduate studies at the University of Michigan were interrupted by World War II. In 1942 he joined the Army Air Corps and became a B-24 Liberator bomber pilot who flew 48 bombing missions over occupied Europe and Nazi Germany, for which he received the Distinguished Flying Cross and an Air Medal. Following the war Judge Hillman returned to the University of Michigan to study law in a combined graduate-undergraduate curriculum. He received a B.A. in 1946 and LL.B. in 1948. After passing the bar he practiced law for 31 years until his appointment to the bench in

1979. During his tenure on the bench, Judge Hillman served on numerous circuit and national committees. He was a life member of the Sixth Circuit Judicial Conference; and in 1989, he served as Chairman of the Planning Committee for that Conference. He was a founder and instructor of the Hillman Advocacy Program, sponsored by the Western Michigan Chapter of the Federal Bar Association, and the Judges of the United States District Court for the Western District of Michigan. Judge Hillman was the recipient of numerous awards including the ACLU Annual Civil Liberties Award and the Champion of Justice Award by the State Bar of Michigan. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

## ***Appointments***

### ***United States District Courts***

***Michael R. Barrett.*** The Honorable Michael R. Barrett was appointed to the United States District Court for the Southern District of Ohio at Cincinnati on May 5, 2006. He succeeds United States District Judge Walter Herbert Rice who assumed senior status in 2004. Judge Barrett received both his B.A. and J.D. from the University of Cincinnati and its College of Law. Following graduation he

served as an Administrative Hearing Officer for the State of Ohio; and assistant prosecuting attorney/chief assistant, Hamilton County Prosecutor's Office. At the time of his appointment, Judge Barrett was in private practice with the Cincinnati firm of Barrett & Weber.

***Jack Zouhary.*** Judge Zouhary was sworn in as Judge of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Ohio, Western Division (Toledo) in March 2006. He succeeds Judge David Katz, who assumed senior status in January 2005. Born and raised in Toledo, Judge Zouhary graduated from Dartmouth College and the University of Toledo College of Law. He is married to Kathleen and they have two grown daughters. Judge Zouhary is well familiar with northwest Ohio, having practiced in the private sector with a regional law firm and as corporate general counsel for a highway construction/stone quarry business. Most recently, he served as a Judge on the Lucas County Court of Common Pleas. He is active in the Toledo community and continues his participation in the Toledo Rotary Club. He is also active in the Morrison Waite Chapter of the Inns of Court, various bar associations, and is a frequent lecturer on civility. He was selected as a Fellow of the American

College of Trial Lawyers in 1995 and remains active in the College.

***Sean F. Cox.*** The Honorable Sean F. Cox served as Judge of the Wayne County Circuit Court from March 1996 to June 2006. On June 12, 2006, Judge Cox was appointed United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan and immediately assumed duty. He also served as a visiting Judge for the Michigan Court of Appeals. Prior to his appointment to the Wayne Circuit Court, Judge Cox was in the full time practice of law as a partner with the law firm of Cummings, McClorey, Davis and Acho. He completed his undergraduate degree at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan and is a graduate of the Detroit College of Law (now Michigan State University School of Law).

He is a former President of the Livonia Bar Association and served on the State Bar of Michigan Judicial Qualifications Committee from 1992 through 1996. He served as chair of disciplinary panels for the Michigan Attorney Grievance Commission and wrote opinions on disciplinary issues.

***Thomas L. Ludington.*** The Honorable Thomas L. Ludington was nominated to the United States District

Court for the Eastern District of Michigan in 2002 and commissioned in June 2006. Prior to his appointment, he practiced with the law firm of Currie and Kendall, P.C., from 1980 to 1995. He served as managing partner of the law firm for six years before being elected to the Circuit Court. Judge Ludington was elected to the 42nd Circuit Court, State of Michigan, beginning term on January 1, 1995 and served as chief judge in that court until his appointment to the federal bench.

In 1976, Judge Ludington received his B.A. *cum laude* from Albion College and attended the University of Sussex, Brighton, England with an emphasis in philosophy and economics, 1974-1975. He graduated from the University of San Diego School of Law in 1979 and studied at the Institute on International and Comparative Law, Paris, France in 1978. He was admitted to the practice of law in 1979 in the State of California and in 1980 in the State of Michigan.

Judge Ludington has taught various courses in the fields of law and banking, bankruptcy, and law office management. He serves as a director with Albion College Board of Trustees, Saginaw Valley State University Foundation, and Rollin M. Gerstacker Foundation. He was selected as a Fellow of the American Bar



Association and the Michigan State Bar Association.

**Sara E. Lioi.** The Honorable Sara E. Lioi was sworn in as United States District Judge for the Northern District of Ohio on March 16, 2007. She succeeds United States District Judge Lesley Wells who took senior status in February of 2006. Judge Lioi is a *summa cum laude* graduate of Bowling Green University. She received her J.D. from Ohio State University College of Law. Following graduation, Judge Lioi was in private practice with the Canton law firm of Day, Ketterer, Raley, Wright & Rybolt, first as an associate and then as partner. In 1997 she became Judge of the Stark County Court of Common Pleas, the position she held at the time of her appointment to the District Court.

### ***Senior Status***

**John Corbett O'Meara.** The Honorable John Corbett O'Meara, United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan, assumed senior status on January 1, 2007. Appointed to the Court in 1994, Judge O'Meara continues to render valuable service to the Court. He is a graduate of Notre Dame University and Harvard Law School. Judge O'Meara served on active duty with

the U.S. Navy and was released as LT after submarine duty. Thereafter, he served in the U.S. Naval Reserve as Commander. Prior to his appointment to the bench, Judge O'Meara served as Staff Assistant to former United States Senator Philip A. Hart; as a proctor, Harvard College Freshman Halls; Coach, Harvard Freshman Debate Team; associate and then partner at the Dickinson Wright law firm in Detroit. He is the author of numerous publications, including, "The Forum of Fear; A Neurosis Which Can be Cured," *Michigan Bar Journal*, Oct. 1990; chapter on "Sexual Harassment," California Institute Book on Employment Relations, 1992.

**Robert L. Echols.** The Honorable Robert L. Echols, United States District Judge for the Middle District of Tennessee, assumed senior status on March 1, 2007. Appointed to the Court in 1992, he served as Chief Judge of the District from August 1, 1998 to August 1, 2005. Judge Echols is a graduate of Rhodes College and the University of Tennessee College of Law where he was the recipient of the John R. Stivers Law Scholarship. Following graduation from law school, Judge Echols clerked for United States District Judge Marion S. Boyd of the Western District of Tennessee and served as legislative assistant for

Congressman Dan Kuykendall. He then joined the Nashville law firm of Bailey, Ewing, Dale and Conner as an associate and then as partner. He was one of the founders and partners in the Nashville firm of Dearborn and Ewing.

Judge Echols served in the 207th Judge Advocate General Corps in Washington, D.C., and served in the Tennessee Army National Guard until January 2001, where he held the rank of Brigadier General. His military service brought him numerous awards and commendations, including the Legion of Merit, the Army Commendation Medal twice, and Joint Service Commendation Medal. Judge Echols is the recipient of the Alumni Leadership Award and Outstanding Public Service Award from the University of Tennessee College of Law. He holds memberships in the Federal Judges Association, Tennessee State-Federal Judicial Council, and the American, Tennessee and Nashville Bar Associations. He has served on the Sixth Circuit Judicial Council; the Committee on the Judicial Branch of the Judicial Conference of the United States; the Sixth Circuit Library Committee; and the Planning Committee for the Sixth Circuit Judicial Conference. Judge Echols continues to render valuable service to the District.

## *United States Bankruptcy Courts*

### *Appointments*

*Paulette Delk.* The Honorable Paulette J. Delk was appointed United States Bankruptcy Judge for the Western District of Tennessee on July 1, 2006. She was appointed to a new position created by the passage of P.L. 109-8. Before her appointment to the bench, Judge Delk was an Associate Professor at the Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law at the University of Memphis. She received her Bachelor of Arts Degree from Fisk University; a Masters of Social Work from Atlanta University; and her Juris Doctor from DePaul University. She is the author of several articles on bankruptcy, including *Some Highlights of the 2005 Amendments to the Bankruptcy Code: Caution and Concern for Attorneys*, National Bar Association Magazine. Judge Delk is a frequent speaker at bankruptcy seminars such as the Tennessee Federal Judicial Conference and the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges. She is a member of the American Board of Certification and has served on its Board of Directors and as a member of the Executive Board and Faculty Dean.

***George W. Emerson, Jr.*** The Honorable George W. Emerson, Jr. was appointed United States Bankruptcy Judge for the Western District of Tennessee on July 1, 2006 succeeding United States Bankruptcy Judge William H. Brown who retired on May 31, 2006. Prior to his appointment to the bench, Judge Emerson served as a Chapter 13 and Chapter 7 Trustee as well as Clerk of the Western District of Tennessee Bankruptcy Court from 1983 to 1985. Prior to his service as Clerk of the Bankruptcy Court, he served as law clerk to the late Chief Bankruptcy Judge William B. Leffler. Judge Emerson received his Bachelor of Arts degree, *cum laude*, from the University of Memphis and his law degree from the Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law at the University of Memphis. Since 1985 he has been in private practice and was a partner in the Memphis law firm of Stevenson and Emerson at the time of his appointment. He served as a Chapter 7 Trustee since 1983 and as a Chapter 13 Trustee since 1988. Judge Emerson is a member of the Memphis and Tennessee Bar Associations. As a member of the Memphis Bar, he served as Chairman of the Bankruptcy Section, as a member of the Board of Directors, and as a member of the Unauthorized Practice of Law Committee.

***Daniel S. Opperman.*** The Honorable Daniel S. Opperman was appointed United States Bankruptcy Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan at Bay City on July 13, 2006 to a new position created by the passage of P.L. 109-8. Prior to his appointment to the bench, he was a member of the Saginaw law firm of Braun Kendrick Finkbeiner. Judge Opperman attended Eastern Michigan University as a President's Scholar and graduated with a Bachelor of Science Degree, *magna cum laude*. He is a graduate of Wayne State University Law School where he received his Juris Doctor, *magna cum laude*. While in law school, he served on the Wayne State University Law Review. He is a member of Phi Beta Kappa. Judge Opperman has been active in the Lake Huron Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America and has served that organization in several capacities. He is a member of the State Bar of Michigan, Saginaw County Bar Association, and the American Bankruptcy Institute.

***Retirement.***

***William Houston Brown.*** The Honorable William Houston Brown, United States Bankruptcy Judge for the Western District of Tennessee at Memphis, retired on May 31, 2006.

Appointed to the Court on October 9, 1987, Judge Brown was serving his second 14-year term having been reappointed in 2001. He received his B.A. from Union University in Jackson, Tennessee; his M.A. from Middle Tennessee University; and his J.D. from the University of Tennessee College of Law graduating first in his class and Order of the Coif. Following his graduation from Law School he served as Assistant Professor at Jackson State Community College; Assistant Dean, University of Tennessee College of Law; and Associate Professor at the University of Wyoming College of Law and at the University of Mississippi College of Law, the position he held at the time of his appointment. Judge Brown is the author of *Bankruptcy Exemption Manual*; *Bankruptcy Jury Manual*; *TN Debtor-creditor Law and Practices*; and was a contributing editor to *Norton Bankruptcy Law Practice*. He is a Fellow of the American College of Bankruptcy and the Tennessee Bar Foundation; and a member of the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges; American Bankruptcy Institute; and American Inn of Court.

### ***United States Magistrate Judges***

***Robert E. Wier.*** Magistrate Judge Wier was appointed by the United States District Court for the Eastern District of

Kentucky on September 1, 2006. A Harlan, Kentucky native, he graduated in 1989 with High Distinction and Departmental Honors from the University of Kentucky, where he was Phi Beta Kappa and received a B.A. in English. He was Valedictorian and graduated with High Distinction from the University of Kentucky College of Law, receiving his J.D. in 1992. In law school, Magistrate Judge Wier served as Editor-in-Chief of the *Kentucky Law Journal*, Volume 80.

From 1992-3, Magistrate Judge Wier served as a law clerk for Eugene E. Siler, Jr., Circuit Judge, United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit. From 1993 to 1995, he was an associate with the law firm of Stoll, Keenon & Park LLP in Lexington, Kentucky. From 1996 to his appointment, Magistrate Judge Wier was a member of the law firm of Ransdell & Wier PLLC, Lexington, Kentucky, where he had a general civil trial and appellate practice in State and Federal Court. His duty station is London, Kentucky.

***Edward B. Atkins.*** The Honorable Edward B. Atkins was sworn in as United States Magistrate Judge for the Eastern District of Kentucky at Ashland and Pikeville on August 24, 2006. He

succeeds the Honorable Peggy Patterson who retired on August 23, 2006. Judge

Atkins is a graduate of the University of Kentucky College of Law. Prior to his appointment to the bench, he was a law clerk for Joseph M. Hood, Chief United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Kentucky, and was in private practice in Pikeville, Kentucky with the firm of Smith, Atkins & Thompson.

***John S. Bryant.*** The Honorable John Bryant was sworn in as United States Magistrate Judge for the Middle District of Tennessee on August 3, 2006. He succeeds the Honorable Joe B. Brown who retired on August 2, 2006. Judge Bryant is a graduate of Davidson College and Vanderbilt University School of Law. Prior to his appointment to the bench, Judge Bryant practiced civil litigation in Nashville for 33 years, first with the firm of Bass, Berry & Sims and later with Walker, Bryant, Tipps & Malone.

#### ***Magistrate Judges Retired***

***J. B. Johnson, Jr.*** The Honorable J. B. Johnson, Jr., United States Magistrate Judge for the Eastern District of Kentucky at London, retired on August 31, 2006. Appointed as a part-time magistrate in 1987, he became a full-time magistrate in 1996. Judge Johnson is a graduate of the

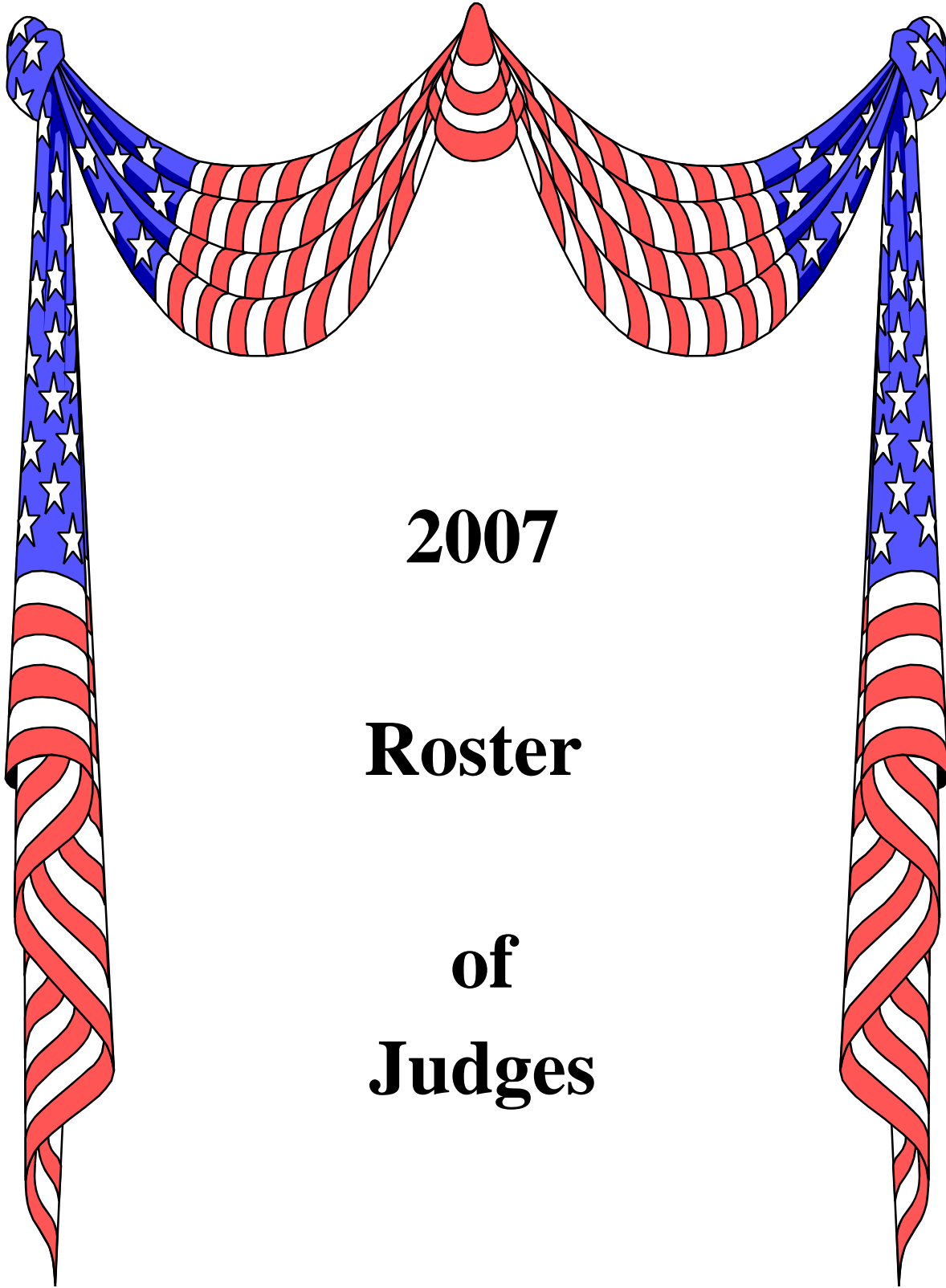
University of Kentucky and its Law School. In 1961 he entered the United States Air Force as a 1st Lt. and was discharged as a Captain in 1964 after service as Assistant Staff Judge Advocate. Prior to his appointment as magistrate, Judge Johnson was in private practice from 1965 to 1973 and from 1984 to 1996. From 1973 to 1984 he served as Judge of the 34th Judicial Circuit of Kentucky. In 1983 he served as Faculty Adviser at the National Judicial College. Judge Johnson was a member of the Board of Governors of the Kentucky Bar Association from 1991 to 1996; and was a member of the Association of Trial Lawyers of America; and the American Bar Association.

***Peggy E. Patterson.*** The Honorable Peggy E. Patterson, United States Magistrate Judge for the Eastern District of Kentucky at Ashland, retired on August 24, 2006. She is a *cum laude* graduate of Centre College, Danville, Kentucky; and since 1999, she has been a member of Centre's Board of Trustees. She received her J.D. from the University of Kentucky College of Law where she was a member of the National Moot Court Team and the Order of Barristers. Judge Patterson served as law clerk to the late H. David Hermansdorfer, former United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Kentucky. She then entered

private practice with the Ashland office of Ogden, Newell & Welch; first as an associate, then as partner, and finally as co-chair of litigation. Judge Patterson was appointed Magistrate Judge in 1990 and completed her second term at the time of her retirement. She has been a frequent speaker on Federal Civil Litigation topics at Kentucky Bar Association and Federal Bar Association Continuing Legal Education programs and at Federal Judicial Center educational programs for magistrate judges. Her contributions to the judiciary are shown by her service on the Sixth Circuit Judicial Council; the standing committee on the Sixth Circuit Judicial Conference; Administrative Office Advisory Committee for Magistrate Judges; and the Magistrate Judge Education Committee of the FJC. She is a Fellow of the Kentucky Bar Foundation; and a member of the American Judicature Society and American and Federal Bar Associations.

**Joe B. Brown.** The Honorable Joe B. Brown, United States Magistrate Judge for the Middle District of Tennessee, retired on August 2, 2006. Prior to his appointment as Magistrate Judge, he served from 1971 to 1981 as First Assistant United States Attorney for the Middle District of Tennessee and from 1981 to 1991 as United States Attorney for

the Middle District of Tennessee. From 1991 to 1998 Judge Brown was Special Assistant United States Trustee. He is a *cum laude* graduate of Vanderbilt University and an Order of the Coif graduate of its law school. In 1962 he was commissioned a 2LT from ROTC, and served on active duty from 1965 to 1971, U.S. Army, Judge Advocate General's Corps. Judge Brown retired as a COL in 1992 from the U.S. Army Reserve. He is a member of the Tennessee and Nashville Bar Foundations; and the Kentucky and Nashville Bar Associations. Judge Brown is a member of Phi Beta Kappa. He continues to serve the District in recall status.



**2007**

**Roster**

**of**

**Judges**

*United States Supreme Court*

*Circuit Justice*

Honorable John Paul Stevens, Washington, D.C.

*United States Court of Appeals for the  
Sixth Circuit*

*United States Circuit Judges*

Honorable Danny J. Boggs, Chief Judge, Louisville, Kentucky  
Honorable Boyce F. Martin, Jr., Louisville, Kentucky  
Honorable Alice M. Batchelder, Medina, Ohio  
Honorable Martha Craig Daughtrey, Nashville, Tennessee  
Honorable Karen Nelson Moore, Cleveland, Ohio  
Honorable R. Guy Cole, Jr., Columbus, Ohio  
Honorable Eric L. Clay, Detroit, Michigan  
Honorable Ronald L. Gilman, Memphis, Tennessee  
Honorable Julia Smith Gibbons, Memphis, Tennessee  
Honorable John M. Rogers, Lexington, Kentucky  
Honorable Jeffrey S. Sutton, Columbus, Ohio  
Honorable Deborah L. Cook, Akron, Ohio  
Honorable David W. McKeague, Lansing, Michigan  
Honorable Richard Allen Griffin, Traverse City, Michigan

*Senior United States Circuit Judges*

Honorable Damon J. Keith, Detroit, Michigan  
Honorable Gilbert S. Merritt, Nashville, Tennessee  
Honorable Cornelia G. Kennedy, Detroit, Michigan  
Honorable Ralph B. Guy, Jr., Ann Arbor, Michigan  
Honorable James L. Ryan, Detroit, Michigan  
Honorable Alan E. Norris, Columbus, Ohio  
Honorable Richard F. Suhrheinrich, Lansing, Michigan  
Honorable Eugene E. Siler, Jr., London, Kentucky



*United States Circuit Judges Retired*

Honorable Pierce Lively, Danville, Kentucky  
Honorable Albert J. Engel, Grand Rapids, Michigan  
Honorable Harry W. Wellford, Memphis, Tennessee  
Honorable H. Ted Milburn, Chattanooga, Tennessee  
Honorable David A. Nelson, Cincinnati, Ohio

*United States District Court  
Eastern District of Kentucky*

*United States District Judges*

Honorable Joseph M. Hood, Chief Judge, Lexington  
Honorable Jennifer B. Coffman, Lexington  
Honorable Karen K. Caldwell, Frankfort  
Honorable Danny C. Reeves, London  
Honorable David L. Bunning, Covington  
Honorable Gregory F. Van Tatenhove, Pikeville

*Senior United States District Judges*

Honorable William O. Bertelsman, Covington  
Honorable G. Wix Unthank, London  
Honorable Henry R. Wilhoit, Jr., Ashland  
Honorable Karl S. Forester, Lexington

*United States Bankruptcy Judges*

Honorable Joseph M. Scott, Jr., Chief Judge, Lexington  
Honorable William S. Howard, Lexington

*United States Bankruptcy Judge Recalled*

Honorable Joe Lee, Lexington

*United States Magistrate Judges*

Honorable J. Gregory Wehrman, Covington  
Honorable James Black Todd, Lexington  
Honorable Edward B. Atkins, Ashland  
Honorable Robert E. Wier, London

*United States District Court*

*Western District of Kentucky*

*United States District Judges*

Honorable John G. Heyburn II, Chief Judge, Louisville  
Honorable Charles R. Simpson III, Louisville  
Honorable Thomas B. Russell, Paducah  
Honorable Joseph H. McKinley, Jr., Owensboro

*Senior United States District Judge*

Honorable Edward H. Johnstone, Paducah

*United States Bankruptcy Judges*

Honorable Joan Lloyd Cooper, Chief Judge, Louisville  
Honorable David T. Stosberg, Louisville  
Honorable Thomas H. Fulton, Louisville

*United States Magistrate Judges*

Honorable W. David King, Paducah  
Honorable James D. Moyer, Louisville  
Honorable E. Robert Goebel, Owensboro  
Honorable Dave Whalin, Louisville

*United States District Court  
Eastern District of Michigan*

*United States District Judges*

Honorable Bernard A. Friedman, Chief Judge, Detroit  
Honorable Gerald E. Rosen, Detroit  
Honorable Robert H. Cleland, Detroit  
Honorable Nancy G. Edmunds, Detroit  
Honorable Denise Page Hood, Detroit  
Honorable Paul D. Borman, Detroit  
Honorable Arthur J. Tarnow, Detroit  
Honorable George Caram Steeh III, Detroit  
Honorable Victoria A. Roberts, Detroit  
Honorable Marianne O. Battani, Detroit  
Honorable David M. Lawson, Detroit  
Honorable Sean F. Cox, Detroit  
Honorable Thomas I. Ludington, Bay City

*Senior United States District Judges*

Honorable John Feikens, Detroit  
Honorable Julian Abele Cook, Jr., Detroit  
Honorable Avern Cohn, Detroit  
Honorable Anna Diggs Taylor, Detroit  
Honorable Lawrence P. Zatkoff, Port Huron  
Honorable Patrick J. Duggan, Detroit  
Honorable Paul V. Gadola, Flint  
Honorable John Corbett O'Meara, Ann Arbor

*Senior United States District Judges Retired*

Honorable Charles W. Joiner, Ann Arbor  
Honorable James Harvey, Port Huron  
Honorable James P. Churchill, Bay City  
Honorable Stewart A. Newblatt, Flint  
Honorable Horace W. Gilmore, Detroit  
Honorable George E. Woods, Detroit  
Honorable Barbara K. Hackett, Ann Arbor

*United States Bankruptcy Judges*

Honorable Steven W. Rhodes, Chief Judge, Detroit  
Honorable Marci Beth McIvor, Detroit  
Honorable Phillip J. Shefferly, Detroit  
Honorable Thomas J. Tucker, Detroit  
Honorable Daniel S. Opperman, Bay City

*United States Bankruptcy Judge Recalled*

Honorable Walter Shapero, Detroit

*United States Magistrate Judges*

Honorable Steven D. Pepe, Ann Arbor  
Honorable Charles E. Binder, Bay City  
Honorable Virginia M. Morgan, Detroit  
Honorable Donald A. Scheer, Detroit  
Honorable R. Steven Whalen, Detroit  
Honorable Mona K. Majzoub, Detroit

*United States Magistrate Judge Recalled*

Honorable Paul J. Komives, Detroit

*United States District Court  
Western District of Michigan*

*United States District Judge*  
Honorable Robert Holmes Bell

*Senior United States District Judges*  
Honorable Wendell A. Miles, Grand Rapids  
Honorable Richard A. Enslin, Kalamazoo  
Honorable Gordon J. Quist, Grand Rapids

*Senior United States District Judges Retired*  
Honorable Benjamin F. Gibson, Grand Rapids

*United States Bankruptcy Judges*  
Honorable Jo Ann C. Stevenson, Chief Judge, Grand Rapids  
Honorable James D. Gregg, Grand Rapids  
Honorable Jeffrey R. Hughes, Grand Rapids

*United States Magistrate Judges*  
Honorable Hugh W. Brenneman, Jr., Grand Rapids  
Honorable Joseph G. Scoville, Grand Rapids  
Honorable Timothy P. Greeley, Marquette  
Honorable Ellen S. Carmody, Grand Rapids

*United States District Court  
Northern District of Ohio*

*United States District Judges*

Honorable James G. Carr, Chief Judge, Toledo  
Honorable Solomon Oliver, Jr., Cleveland  
Honorable Kathleen M. O'Malley, Cleveland  
Honorable Peter C. Economus, Youngstown  
Honorable Donald C. Nugent, Cleveland  
Honorable Patricia A. Gaughan, Cleveland  
Honorable James S. Gwin, Akron  
Honorable Dan A. Polster, Cleveland  
Honorable John R. Adams, Akron  
Honorable Christopher A. Boyko, Cleveland  
Honorable Jack Zouhary, Toledo  
Honorable Sara E. Lioi, Akron

*Senior United States District Judges*

Honorable Ann Aldrich, Cleveland  
Honorable David D. Dowd, Jr., Akron  
Honorable Lesley Wells, Cleveland  
Honorable David A. Katz, Toledo

*Senior United States District Judges Retired*

Honorable John W. Potter, Toledo  
Honorable Sam H. Bell, Akron

*United States Bankruptcy Judges*

Honorable Randolph Baxter, Chief Judge, Cleveland  
Honorable Richard L. Speer, Toledo  
Honorable Marilyn Shea-Stonum, Akron  
Honorable Pat E. Morgenstern-Clarren, Cleveland  
Honorable Russ Kendig, Canton  
Honorable Mary Ann Whipple, Toledo  
Honorable Arthur I. Harris, Cleveland  
Honorable Kay Woods, Youngstown

*United States Magistrate Judges*

Honorable James S. Gallas, Akron  
Honorable Patricia A. Hemann, Cleveland  
Honorable Vernelis K. Armstrong, Toledo  
Honorable Nancy A. Vecchiarelli, Cleveland  
Honorable George J. Limbert, Youngstown  
Honorable William H. Baughman, Jr., Cleveland  
Honorable Kenneth S. McHargh, Cleveland

*United States Magistrate Judge Recalled*

Honorable David S. Perelman, Cleveland

*United States District Court  
Southern District of Ohio*

*United States District Judges*

Honorable Sandra S. Beckwith, Chief Judge, Cincinnati  
Honorable Susan J. Dlott, Cincinnati  
Honorable Edmund A. Sargus, Jr., Columbus  
Honorable Algenon L. Marbley, Columbus  
Honorable Thomas M. Rose, Dayton  
Honorable Gregory L. Frost, Columbus  
Honorable Michael H. Watson, Columbus  
Honorable Michael R. Barrett, Cincinnati

*Senior United States District Judges*

Honorable S. Arthur Spiegel, Cincinnati  
Honorable John D. Holschuh, Columbus  
Honorable Walter Herbert Rice, Dayton  
Honorable Herman J. Weber, Cincinnati  
Honorable James L. Graham, Columbus  
Honorable George C. Smith, Columbus

*United States Bankruptcy Judges*

Honorable J. Vincent Aug, Chief Judge, Cincinnati  
Honorable Thomas F. Waldron, Dayton  
Honorable Charles M. Caldwell, Columbus  
Honorable Jeffery P. Hopkins, Cincinnati  
Honorable John E. Hoffman, Jr., Columbus  
Honorable Lawrence S. Walter, Dayton  
Honorable C. Kathryn Preston, Columbus

*United States Bankruptcy Judges Recalled*

Honorable Burton Perlman, Cincinnati  
Honorable Donald E. Calhoun, Jr., Columbus

*United States Magistrate Judges*

Honorable Mark R. Abel, Columbus  
Honorable Norah McCann King, Columbus  
Honorable Michael R. Merz, Dayton  
Honorable Terence P. Kemp, Columbus  
Honorable Timothy S. Hogan, Cincinnati  
Honorable Sharon L. Ovington, Dayton  
Honorable Timothy S. Black, Cincinnati



*United States District Court  
Eastern District of Tennessee*

*United States District Judges*

Honorable Curtis L. Collier, Chief Judge, Chattanooga  
Honorable Thomas W. Phillips, Knoxville  
Honorable Thomas A. Varlan, Knoxville  
Honorable J. Ronnie Greer, Greenville  
Honorable Harry S. Mattice, Jr., Chattanooga

*Senior United States District Judges*

Honorable James H. Jarvis II, Knoxville  
Honorable R. Allan Edgar, Chattanooga  
Honorable Leon Jordan, Knoxville

*Senior United States District Judge Retired*

Honorable Thomas Gray Hull, Greeneville

*United States Bankruptcy Judges*

Honorable John C. Cook, Chief Judge, Chattanooga  
Honorable Richard S. Stair, Jr., Knoxville  
Honorable Marcia P. Parsons, Greeneville  
Honorable R. Thomas Stinnett, Chattanooga

*United States Magistrate Judges*

Honorable Dennis H. Inman, Greeneville  
Honorable William B. Mitchell Carter, Chattanooga  
Honorable C. Clifford Shirley, Knoxville  
Honorable H. Bruce Guyton, Knoxville  
Honorable Susan Kerr Lee, Chattanooga

*United States District Court*

*Middle District of Tennessee*

*United States District Judges*

Honorable Todd J. Campbell, Chief Judge, Nashville  
Honorable Aleta A. Trauger, Nashville  
Honorable William J. Haynes, Jr., Nashville

*Senior United States District Judges*

Honorable Thomas A. Wiseman, Jr., Nashville  
Honorable John T. Nixon, Nashville  
Honorable Robert L. Echols

*Senior United States District Judge Retired*

Honorable Thomas A. Higgins, Nashville

*United States Bankruptcy Judges*

Honorable George C. Paine II, Chief Judge, Nashville  
Honorable Keith M. Lundin, Nashville  
Honorable Marian F. Harrison, Nashville

*United States Magistrate Judges*

Honorable Juliet E. Griffin, Nashville  
Honorable E. Clifton Knowles, Nashville  
Honorable John S. Bryant, Nashville

*United States Magistrate Judge Recalled*

Honorable Joe B. Brown, Nashville

*United States District Court  
Western District of Tennessee*

*United States District Judges*

Honorable James D. Todd, Chief Judge, Jackson  
Honorable Jon Phipps McCalla, Memphis  
Honorable Bernice B. Donald, Memphis  
Honorable Samuel H. Mays, Jr., Memphis  
Honorable J. Daniel Breen, Memphis

*United States Bankruptcy Judges*

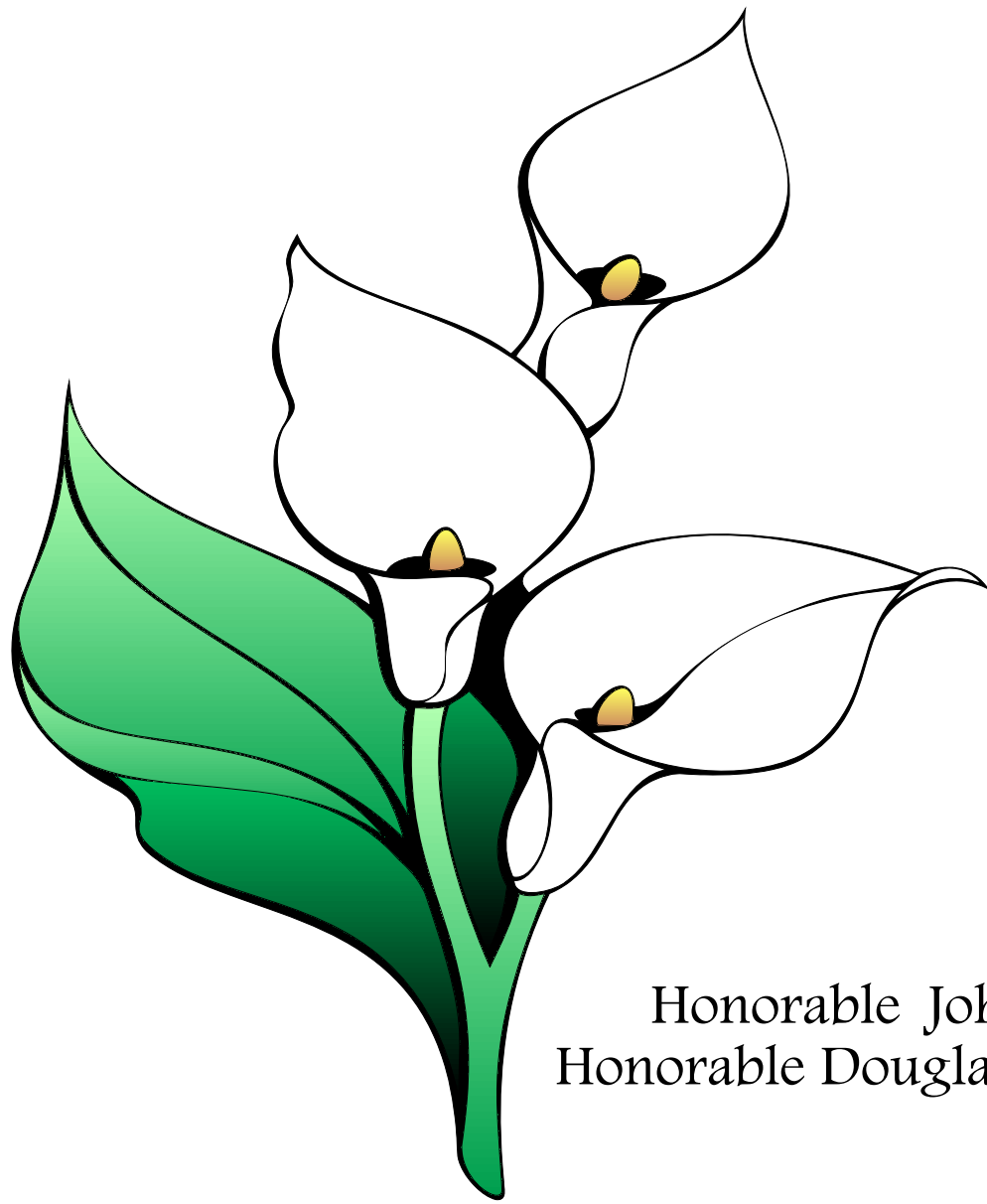
Honorable David S. Kennedy, Chief Judge, Memphis  
Honorable G. Harvey Boswell, Jackson  
Honorable Jennie D. Latta, Memphis  
Honorable Paulette Delk, Memphis  
Honorable George W. Emerson, Jr., Memphis

*United States Magistrate Judges*

Honorable Diane K. Vescovo, Memphis  
Honorable Tu M. Pham, Memphis  
Honorable S. Thomas Anderson, Jackson

*Staff, United States Court of Appeals*

James A. Higgins, Circuit Executive  
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Timothy Schroeder, Senior Staff Attorney  
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Kathy Joyce Welker, Circuit Librarian



In  
Memoriam

Honorable John M. Manos  
Honorable Douglas W. Hillman

**Memorial Resolution  
in Honor of  
John M. Manos  
1922-2006**

Judge John M. Manos loved to regale audiences with the accomplishments of the ancient Greeks. Without resort to notes or aids, he would wax eloquent regarding the great contributions Greek civilization made to society and, critically, to the law. He took great pleasure in pointing out that the most important and sustaining aspects of our legal system -- including the jury system itself -- were products of the Greek philosophers and the civilization they inspired.

Listening to John on the topic, one was left with no doubt about either his reverence for the ancient Greeks or his pride in claiming them as his ancestors; he was often heard to say he was “privileged to stand on the shoulders of Plato, Socrates and Aristotle.” Knowing John and witnessing his career, one also has no doubt that those ancient Greeks would have been just as proud to claim him as their own. His contributions to the law, the bench and his community ably carried on the great traditions he so loved to herald.

Judge Manos was once quoted as saying, “I want to be remembered as a fair and impartial judge who worked hard and was prepared for every case.” When Judge Manos passed away last year after forty-three years on the bench, he got his wish and much more. Yes, he is remembered as a fair, impartial, hardworking and thoroughly prepared jurist, but he is also fondly remembered as a dedicated family man, mentor, community activist, leader in his church, political strategist, great intellect and dear friend to many. He is sorely missed.

John Manos was the son of Greek immigrants, born December 8, 1922, in the modest Tremont neighborhood of Cleveland -- a neighborhood he could view many years later from the windows of his sixteenth-floor chambers in the new Cleveland Courthouse. He graduated from Lincoln High School in Cleveland and, with the benefit of a full scholarship, attended the Case School of Applied Science. There, he was captain and quarterback of the football team and earned a degree in metallurgical engineering. He graduated from Case in 1944 and then served in the United States Navy.

After returning from the Navy, Judge Manos began working as a metallurgical engineer, while taking night classes at Cleveland Marshall Law School, and beginning a family with his wife, Viola. He graduated from Cleveland Marshall in 1950, already enamored with the law. After practicing for thirteen years, including a stint as law director of Bay Village during the famed Sam Shepard trial, Ohio Governor James Rhodes selected him to fill a vacancy on the Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court. In 1969, Judge Manos was appointed to the Ohio Court of Appeals, where he served until 1976.

In 1976, President Gerald Ford appointed Judge Manos to the United States District Court for the Northern District of Ohio, where he served with distinction for over thirty years. Judge Manos loved all aspects of being on the bench, and threw himself into his work with unequalled gusto. His goal was always to be more prepared than the litigants before him -- on the facts, the law and the rules -- a goal most would agree he satisfied. He handled both high profile and obscure cases with the same passion, and prided himself on being fair to everyone who crossed the threshold of his courtroom. Judge Manos' well-deserved reputation as a great jurist did not come by chance or luck, it was the product of dedication, hard work and commitment to the task.

Though Judge Manos fought a number of illnesses in his final years, his dedication to his office and work remained unimpaired: he held proceedings from his hospital bed, met with law clerks only hours after surgeries and held rehabilitation sessions in his chambers to limit the downtime caused by his recovery. Though his body tried to slow him down, he refused to let his mind give in to the temptation to do so.

While it is true that Judge Manos also earned a reputation for toughness and a brash demeanor -- and that his bald pate, booming voice and large, black-rimmed glasses accentuating his steady gaze struck fear into the hearts of many a young lawyer over the years -- the real John Manos was incredibly kind and soft-hearted. He went out of his way to assist others -- devoting countless hours to the Greek Orthodox Church, helping to create a scholarship fund for Greek students aspiring to college, teaching law students through an elaborate internship program he designed himself, mentoring young lawyers, and offering much-needed advice and assistance to his new colleagues on the bench. No one who sought his help or advice was turned away.

Although Judge Manos accomplished great things in his career and for his community, and received awards too numerous to recount here, it was his family in which he took greatest pride. In addition to Viola, his wife of forty-four years whom he lost in 1989, John was happiest when with, or bragging about (as he often did), his four children -- Donna, Christine, Michael and Keith -- their respective spouses, and his twelve grandchildren. While he loved to talk about how much he “loved the law” and “loved the bench,” it was his family -- including his brother Eli -- whom John loved the most.

John M. Manos lived by the creed written many years ago by another American of Greek parentage, Dean Alfange:

I do not choose to be a common man  
It is my right to be uncommon...  
If I can. I seek opportunity... Not security.

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It is my heritage to stand erect,  
proud, and unafraid; to think and act for  
myself; enjoy the benefits of my  
creations; and to face the world boldly  
and say, “This I have done with my own hand,  
I am a man. I am an American.”

Even the most casual observer of Judge Manos saw instantly that he was uncommon. Every day of his life, he stood erect and proud; he fearlessly thought and acted for himself; he gloried in his ability to use his prodigious intellect to the benefit of the law that he so loved. And he gloried in being an American. He was not merely uncommon. He was unique.

Judge Manos’ family lost their patriarch, the federal bench lost an icon and we all lost a dear friend on July 5, 2006, when this modern-day Greek philosopher held court for the final time.

Now, therefore, **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Sixty-Seventh Judicial Conference of the Sixth Circuit, in session in Asheville, North Carolina, this 9th day of May, 2007, pays tribute and appreciation to the memory of Judge John M. Manos, who served the nation and the Northern District of Ohio faithfully and well.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this Resolution be preserved upon the records of this Conference and that a copy hereof be forwarded to the family as a testament of the affection and admiration in which Judge Manos was held by his colleagues and by the members of the Conference.

Respectfully submitted,  
Alice M. Batchelder  
United States Circuit Judge  
Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit

James G. Carr  
Chief United States District Judge  
Northern District of Ohio

Kathleen M. O'Malley  
United States District Judge  
Northern District of Ohio



Memorial Resolution  
in Honor of  
Honorable Douglas W. Hillman  
1922-2007

On February 1, 2007, Judge Douglas W. Hillman died, following a long illness. The judges of this court join with the practicing bar to mourn the loss of one of the giants of our legal community.

Douglas Woodruff Hillman was born in Grand Rapids, Michigan in 1922. He graduated from Central High School in 1941 and married his wife, Sally, in 1944. Judge Hillman interrupted his undergraduate studies at the University of Michigan to join the Army Air Corps during World War II, serving with distinction as a bomber pilot in the European Theatre, for which he received the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal at the age of 23.

Judge Hillman completed his undergraduate education in 1946 and his legal education in 1948, graduating from the University of Michigan Law School. He entered private practice in Grand Rapids, where he devoted thirty years to a distinguished career as a trial lawyer. During his years as a practicing lawyer, Judge Hillman served as President of the Grand Rapids Bar Association and was named a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers, the International Academy of Trial Lawyers, and the International Society of Barristers. He was active in improving the trial skills of younger lawyers, serving on the faculty of the Institute for Trial Advocacy (NITA) and the Advocacy Institute of the Institute for Continuing Legal Education (ICLE) in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Judge Hillman was appointed as a district judge by President Jimmy Carter. He took office on September 28, 1979. Judge Hillman became Chief Judge of the Western District of Michigan in April of 1986. He served in this position until February 15, 1991, at which time he took Senior Status. Judge Hillman continued to hear civil cases in his home district, while generously serving other districts and circuits by designation, until his retirement in 2002.

Judge Hillman's legal writings disclose a deep attachment to the rule of law and to the protections of the Bill of Rights. Among his major decisions were *Michigan State Chamber of Commerce v. Austin*, 642 F. Supp. 397 (W.D. Mich. 1986, *aff'd sub nom. Austin v. Michigan Chamber of Commerce*, 494 U.S. 652 (1990), a First Amendment case; *United States v. Lewis*, 644 F. Supp. 1391 (W.D. Mich. 1986), *aff'd sub nom. United States v. King*, 840 F.2d 1276 (6<sup>th</sup> Cir.), *cert. denied*, 488 U.S. 894 (1988), a criminal prosecution for slavery. In addition, Judge Hillman issued countless opinions in a multi-district school desegregation case, ranging from the imposition of a remedy in 1981, *see Berry v. School Dist. of City of Benton Harbor*, 515 F. Supp. 344 (W.D. Mich. 1981), through hearings on final status and dismissal on April 4, 2002.

From the vantage point of the practicing bar, Judge Hillman's tenure in office was marked by civility and good relations between the bench and bar. He never forgot what it means to practice law. Everyone, lawyer and litigant alike, who entered his courtroom was treated with courtesy and respect. The community's and practicing bar's high regard for Judge Hillman was reflected in the numerous awards and recognitions he received, including the ACLU Annual Civil Liberties Award 1970; Hon. Raymond W. Fox Advocacy Award 1989; State Bar of Michigan's prestigious Champion of Justice Award 1990; Distinguished Alumni Award, Central High School, Grand Rapids 1990; Service to Profession Award, Federal Bar Association, Western Michigan Chapter 1991; Professional and Community Service Award, Young Lawyers Section, State Bar of Michigan 1996; his designation by Michigan Lawyer's Weekly as one of Michigan's "25 Most Respected Judges"; induction into the Grand Rapids Magazine Medical Hall of Fame 2001; receipt of the Grand Rapids Bar Association's Donald R. Worsfold Distinguished Service Award in 2002 and the State Bar of Michigan's Frank J. Kelley Distinguished Public Servant Award in 2006.

Judge Hillman's love of the law and of his country led him to serve in numerous capacities to improve justice and to benefit the local and national communities. Of his many and varied accomplishments, Judge Hillman will be most remembered for his work in improving the level of trial advocacy. In 1981, Judge Hillman proposed to the court a unique trial advocacy program for young federal court practitioners. As envisioned by Judge Hillman, the program would involve the cooperation of the federal

judiciary, and the organized bar. The result was the first Trial Skills Workshop, held in January of 1982 in the federal courtrooms in Grand Rapids.

Under Judge Hillman's constant guidance and leadership, the workshop evolved and improved in ensuing years, but it never lost its essential mission of improving the trial skills of federal practitioners. In January of 1991, in honor of Judge Hillman's devotion to the program for over a decade, the Federal Bar Association Chapter announced the renaming of the workshop to the "Hillman Advocacy Program." In January of 2006, the Hillman Advocacy Program celebrated its twenty-fifth anniversary and the training of over 2,000 young lawyers.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Sixty-Seventh Judicial Conference of the Sixth Circuit, in session at Asheville, North Carolina , this 9th day of May, 2007, pays tribute to the memory of United States District Judge Douglas W. Hillman, who served the Nation and the Western District of Michigan faithfully and well; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be preserved upon the records of this Conference and that a copy be forwarded to Judge Hillman's wife as a testament to the esteem in which he was held by the members of this Conference and as an expression of our sympathy.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Holmes Bell,  
Chief Judge  
United States District Court  
Western District of Michigan

Honorable Richard A. Enslin  
United States District Judge  
Western District of Michigan

Honorable Joseph G. Scoville  
United States Magistrate Judge  
Western District of Michigan