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The Storied Third Branch invites judges to write a tribute to another judge who has, through example or mentorship, served as an inspiration to colleagues on and off the bench. See details at judicature.duke.edu.

JUDICIAL HONORS

Justice **MICHELLE KELLER** of the Supreme Court of Kentucky received the Kentucky Bar

Association's
Distinguished
Judge Award.
The award
honors a judge
who has made



outstanding contributions to the legal profession. Justice Keller was appointed to the Kentucky Supreme Court in April 2013. She currently serves as the chair of the Access to Justice Commission and Criminal Rules Committee.

Senior United States District Judge
THELTON HENDERSON (Northern
District of California) is the most
recent recipient of the George
H.W. Bush Distinguished Alumnus
Award from the National College

Baseball Hall of Fame. The award honors the accomplishments of college baseball players who achieve greatness off the field. Henderson was a key hitter on the University of California-Berkeley 1954-55 baseball team, playing outfield and third base. He later graduated from Berkeley's law school and began an esteemed legal career that included becoming the first African American attorney in the civil rights division of the U.S. Department of Justice.

ANDREAS VOSSKUHLE, president of Germany's Federal Constitutional Court, was awarded the country's second-highest federal order of merit after leaving his office this year. In 2010, Vosskuhle made history as the youngest president in the history of the Federal

Constitutional Court of Germany. Before joining the court, Vosskuhle was a professor at the University of Freiburg.

Tahoe Township Justice of the Peace **RICHARD GLASSON** received a lifetime achievement award from

the Nevada Judges of Limited Jurisdiction Association. Glasson is a past president of the



association, which is the largest judicial body in the state and represents all justice and municipal court judges. Glasson is Douglas County's longest serving and only judge since taking office in 2001.

The Network of Bar Leaders of the Southern District of New York

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also includes the introduction of a Code of Conduct for public use of a court's social media page and a Social Media Policy for how, when, and why courts will post to the social media page.

High-profile trials and emergency situations: The key to effectively managing media for high-profile trials and emergencies is anticipation. Does your court have a plan for the situations you are likely to face? Some are obvious: States that are prone to hurricanes need to know how to communicate before, during, and after a storm. Other emergencies can be anticipated based on what other courts or states have been through, such as trials with high media interest. Laying out a plan for these scenarios ahead of time allows courts to focus

on implementing rather than creating a plan when emergencies arise. For example, establish guidelines for juror interactions with the media and create premade media packets that anticipate media questions.

The guide also offers timely guidance for how courts can address (and have addressed) COVID-19's impact and how courts can continue to communicate with media and the public as the pandemic wears on.

The Media Guide is available for purchase from the National Association for Court Management's store (https://nacmnet.org/resources/store).

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honored Judge **DENNY CHIN** of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit with the Honorable Harold Baer Jr. Award. Judge Chin was recognized for his leadership, promotion of diversity, and impact in the Asian American community as the first Asian American appointed as a United States district judge outside the Ninth Circuit.

Indiana Judge **KRISTEN MCVEY** was honored at her local 2020 YWCA's Salute to Women celebration. After law school, McVey worked for the Tippecanoe and Carroll County, Ind., prosecutor's offices and was the first woman to hold the position of chief deputy prosecutor of the county.

Chief Judge ANNA BLACKBURNE-**RIGSBY** of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals received the 2020 Margaret Brent Women Lawyers of Achievement Award. The annual award, named for the first female lawyer in North America, honors female trailblazers in the legal profession. Chief Judge Blackburne-Rigsby is a graduate of Duke University and Howard University School of Law, past president of the National Association of Women Judges, and former chair of the International Association of Women Judges' Board of Managerial Trustees. She currently chairs the Joint Committee on Judicial Administration in the District of Columbia.

Judge **MARTHA WARNER** was awarded the Florida Association of Women Lawyers' Rosemary Barkett Outstanding Achievement Award for 2020. This award is the highest honor given by the association. Warner was the only female lawyer in Martin County when she was first admitted to the bar in 1974. She is now the longest-serving appeals court judge of Florida.

Judge **ANNALISA WILLIAMS** received the Kent State University Alumni Association's Distinguished

Alumni Award for 2020. The Akron Municipal Court judge was recognized for her contribu-



tions to the legal profession and to her community. She has served on the Akron Municipal Court since 2003. In addition to her work on the bench, Williams leads the Akron Municipal Mental Health Court and the Peace of Mind Probation Program.

The late Judge **JAMES D. JENSEN**, formerly of Ohio's Sixth District Court of Appeals, and Hamilton County Juvenile Court Judge JOHN M. WILLIAMS were honored by the Ohio State Bar Association earlier this year. Judge Jensen received the Moyer Award, which recognizes outstanding qualities of judicial excellence, including integrity, fairness, open-mindedness, knowledge of the law, professionalism, ethics, creativity, sound judgment, courage, and decisiveness. Judge Williams was honored for his leadership of the Hamilton County Juvenile Court SchoolBased Threat Assessment program, which he helped establish in order to track school violence and to develop new protocols for responding, assessing, and intervening when juveniles are charged with an offense that involves targeted threats of violence at school.

Judge **EMILY MISKEL** of Collin County, Texas, was named the recipient of the 2020 William H. Rehnquist Award for Judicial Excellence, the highest honor bestowed to a state court judge by the National Center for State Courts. As court proceedings moved online due to the COVID-19 pandemic earlier this year, Miskel offered trainings for Texas judges to help courts across the state navigate the transition. She held the state's first fully remote hearing and first fully virtual bench trial in March and has since presented at multiple webinars on remote proceedings, receiving national recognition for her efforts. "In these historically challenging times, a few true leaders have come to the fore. Judge Miskel is at the head and worthy of the award named in honor of Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist," Texas Chief Justice Nathan Hecht and Texas State Court Administrator David Slayton said in a nomination letter. "We think Chief Justice Rehnquist would be proud, as we are, of Judge Miskel's outstanding qualities of judicial excellence demonstrated most powerfully over the past three months but also over her legal and judicial career."

Presiding Justice **MATHIAS W. DELORT** of the Illinois Appellate Court, First District, Fifth Division,

has received the Robert J. Mangler Lifetime Achievement Award from



the Illinois Local Government Lawyers Association. Before becoming a judge in 2007, Delort represented local governments and public entities throughout Illinois for over 20 years.

Three judges received distinquished alumni awards from Mercer University School of Law. Georgia Supreme Court Justice **MICHAEL P. BOGGS** received the Meritorious Service Award for service to his alma mater. Boggs also has served as a state representative, superior court judge, and judge for the Court of Appeals of Georgia. Judge CARL C. BROWN, JR. received the Outstanding Alumnus Award for his service to the legal profession. He was the first African American judge in Augusta when he was appointed chief judge of the municipal court in 1982. He is now chief judge of the Superior Court of the Augusta Judicial Circuit and administrative judge for the Tenth Judicial District. Judge RIZZA P. O'CONNOR received the Young Alumni Council Volunteer of the Year Award for her service to Mercer law students. She has served as chief magistrate judge for Toombs County since 2013.