

JUDICIAL HONORS

Judge **TANYA WALTON PRATT** of the Southern District of Indiana received the 2020 Distinguished Postgraduate Achievement Award from Howard University School of Law. The award recognizes alumni who have made valuable contributions in their respective fields. As the first African American federal judge in Indiana, Judge Pratt was honored for her contributions to the field of law and for demonstrating the values of excellence, truth, and service. "I respect the historical significance of being the first African American federal court judge in the state of Indiana," Judge Pratt said in remarks at the ceremony. "It matters so very much that the bench is diverse. Although you may not be able to tell any difference in whether an opinion is written by a man or a woman or a minority jurist, a diverse bench enhances the quality of justice and makes it deeper, broader and more credible."



Wyoming County Court Judge **MICHAEL M. MOHUN** received the Vincent E. Doyle Jr. Award for Outstanding Judicial Contribution in the Criminal Justice System from the New York State Bar Association. The Doyle Award recognizes judicial efforts to improve the administration of the criminal justice system. Judge Mohun

presides over the Wyoming County Treatment Court and has worked to ensure defendants receive treatment they need for drug addictions and other problems, such as homelessness, unemployment, and insufficient education. Under Judge Mohun's direction, the court also has improved and expanded educational opportunities.

Judge **NELSON DIAZ** received the National Hispanic Hero Award from the United States Hispanic Leadership Institute. Recognized for being "a role model to countless others through [his] career in public service and life of servant leadership," Diaz was the first Latino judge to pass the Pennsylvania Bar Exam and the first Latino to practice law in the state. He hopes that his story will continue to inspire generations to come.

Washtenaw County Court Judge

KIRK TABBEY received the Certificate of Appreciation from the Detroit Fugitive Apprehension Team of the U.S. Marshals Service, Eastern District of Michigan, in February. Judge Tabbey started his legal career and served for many years as a state prosecutor before taking the bench; he was honored for his continued support and valued partnership with the U.S. Marshals Service.



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The late Judge **JOHN DAVID JOHNSON** of Miami was honored with a bronze statue unveiled at the Dade County Courthouse. The bust, commissioned by Hunton Andrews Kurth LLP, celebrates the second black judge in the county's history for his lasting contributions to the community and for being a pioneer for justice.

Judge **JOHN G. KOELTL** of the Southern District of New York received the 2020 Stanley H. Fuld Award in January. The award, named after the late chief judge of the New York Court of Appeals, recognizes extraordinary contributions to the development of commercial law and jurisprudence in the state. "Judge Koeltl is not only a distinguished jurist but he combines scholarship with a practical approach to the law, as demonstrated by his role as a former member of the Civil Rules Advisory Committee and Chair of the Subcommittee that focused on active judicial case management and the long-ignored principle of proportionality in discovery," said Laurel Kretzing, chair of the Commercial and Federal Litigation Section, which gives the award.

DANIEL WEINSTEIN, a retired judge of the Superior Court of San Francisco, received the Peacemaker Award, the highest honor given by the Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution at Pepperdine

University. The award honored his leadership in making mediation accessible across the world and in creating a global network of talented ADR professionals and problem solvers through the Weinstein JAMS International Fellowship Program and Weinstein International Foundation.

MARCIA MORALES HOWARD, a U.S. District Judge for the Middle District of Florida, received the William M. Hoeveler Judicial Professionalism Award from The Florida Bar for her professionalism, civility, competence,



and public service. The annual award recognizes an active judge with strength of character, service, and competence as a jurist, lawyer, and public servant. "Not only is Judge Howard a brilliant jurist, she is also a paragon of professionalism and public service," said Jacksonville Chapter of the Federal Bar Association President Helen Peacock Roberson. "Judge Howard is committed to the ideals of professionalism in her courtroom and models best practices of civility, competence and strength of character to all who appear before her."

The University of Mississippi School of Law honored the late Circuit Judge **HENRY LACKEY** by establishing the Henry Lackey

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Trial Advocacy Board Award. The award commemorates Judge Lackey's integrity, commitment, and advocacy and will be awarded to a third-year law student who best exemplifies these qualities. Judge Lackey presided over the Third Circuit District for 17 years before his retirement in 2010.

Illinois Circuit Judge **DIANE M. SHELLEY** and former Cook County Judge **ANTHONY L. YOUNG** received the Dickerson Award from the Chicago Bar Association in March. The award, created in honor of Earl B. Dickerson, the first African American member of the state bar association, recognizes

judges whose careers embody the courage shown by Dickerson in spreading justice to all in society.

Chief Justice **BERNETTE JOSHUA JOHNSON** of the Louisiana Supreme Court received the National Association of Women Judges' 2020 Lady Justice Award. The award honors a member who uses their person and position with equanimity, respect, transparency, and impartiality to advance the values of its mission to promote the judicial role in protecting the rights of individuals under the rule of law through strong, diverse leadership. Justice Johnson is Louisiana's second female chief justice and first African American chief justice.

Nashville Judge **SETH WALKER NORMAN** was honored during a portrait unveiling at the 20th Judicial District Criminal Court in the Justice A.A. Birch Building in Nashville in January. Judge Norman was appointed to the court upon its creation in 1990 and served there for 28 years. He established the groundbreaking Davidson County Drug Court in 1996.

New Jersey Administrative Law Judge **KIM BELIN** was among the 2020 winners of the annual Outstanding Women of Burlington County Awards, recognized for her contributions in the field of law. Prior to her 2019 appointment to the bench, Belin was acting direc-

tor for the New Jersey Office of the State Board of Education, manager of the Office of Compliance Investigation within the N.J. Department of Education, and a staff attorney for the Bureau of Policy in the N.J. Division on Civil Rights.

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MILESTONES

Congratulations

to these federal judges (active status) who are celebrating milestone anniversaries of their commission dates.

40 years

CARMEN CONSUELO CEREZO
U.S. District Court, District of Puerto Rico

35 years

FRANK HOOVER EASTERBROOK
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit

LYNN NETTLETON HUGHES
U.S. District Court, Southern District of Texas

ALAN BOND JOHNSON
U.S. District Court for the District of Wyoming

EDITH HOLLAN JONES
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit

STEPHEN VICTOR WILSON
U.S. District Court, Central District of California

HENRY TRAVILLION WINGATE
U.S. District Court, Southern District of Mississippi

WILLIAM G. YOUNG
U.S. District Court, District of Massachusetts

30 years

KAREN LECRAFT HENDERSON
U.S. Court of Appeals, D.C. Circuit

JAMES B. LOKEN
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit

ALAN DAVID LOURIE
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit

FEDERICO A. MORENO
U.S. District Court, Southern District of Florida

PAUL VICTOR NIEMEYER
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit

DAVID C. NORTON
U.S. District Court, District of South Carolina

25 years

CATHERINE C. BLAKE
U.S. District Court, District of Maryland

MARY BECK BRISCOE
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit

RANSEY GUY COLE, JR.
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit

JAMES L. DENNIS
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit

ELDON E. FALLON
U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Louisiana

PATRICIA ANNE GAUGHAN
U.S. District Court, Northern District of Ohio

JOSEPH ROBERT GOODWIN
U.S. District Court, Southern District of West Virginia

CARLOS F. LUCERO
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit

SANDRA LEA LYNCH
U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit

KAREN NELSON MOORE
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit

JOHN R. TUNHEIM
U.S. District Court, District of Minnesota

B. LYNN WINMILL
U.S. District Court, District of Idaho

DIANE PAMELA WOOD
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit