

# JUDICIAL HONORS

The Shelby County Commission in Tennessee voted to rename the county courthouse the D'Army Bailey Courthouse Building in honor of the late **D'ARMY BAILEY**. Judge Bailey served on Tennessee's 13th Judicial District from 1990 to 2009 and from 2014 to 2015. He also was an author, actor, and civil rights activist who helped to preserve the crumbling Lorraine Motel – where Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., was assassinated – and convert it into the National Civil Rights Museum.

**ALAN D. MOATS** of the 19th Judicial Circuit of West Virginia received a Board of Directors Award during the 2015 meeting of the Barbour County, West Virginia, Chamber of Commerce. Judge Moats is known in his community as an aggressive leader in West Virginia's statewide initiative to reduce truancy and school dropouts. He is past presi-



Judicial Circuit of West Virginia received a Board

dent of the West Virginia Judicial Association, chairman of the mass litigation panel of the West Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals, and a founding member of the West Virginia Courthouse Facilities Improvement Authority.

**CARLOS CHAPPELLE**, the late presiding district court judge of Tulsa County, Oklahoma, was honored at a gathering of attorneys, judges, and courtroom staff in celebration of his retirement in June, just weeks before he passed away. He began his judicial career as a special judge in Tulsa County District Court in 1991 and served on nearly every docket.

**HAROLD MELTON** of the Supreme Court of Georgia was named the *Daily Report's* 2015 Rising Star Luminary. Justice Melton was appointed to the bench in 2005. He previously served as executive counsel to Gov. Sonny Perdue.



Court of Georgia was named the *Daily Report's* 2015 Rising

Justice Melton also spent 11 years in the Georgia Department of Law, leading the Consumer Interests Division.

**ELLEN BREE BURNS** was recognized for her nearly four decades of



judicial and community service by the National Association of Women

Judges, District 2. Judge Burns was appointed by President Jimmy Carter in 1978 to the U.S. District Court for the District of Connecticut. She served as chief judge from 1988 to 1992, when she assumed senior status. Judge Burns retired in March.

The Gloucester County Italian Heritage Commission honored Retired Assignment Judge **SAMUEL G. DESIMONE** with its Italian-American Citizen of the Year Award in recognition of his service as Superior Court Judge and for his contributions to Southern New Jersey.

## MILESTONES

*These judges (active status) are celebrating milestone anniversaries this fall of their commission dates to the federal courts.*

**35** years

**STEPHEN ROY REINHARDT**  
U.S. Court of Appeals  
for the Ninth Circuit

**30** years

**JOSE ANTONIO FUSTE**  
U.S. District Court,  
District of Puerto Rico

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

**ALAN BOND JOHNSON**  
U.S. District Court,  
District of Wyoming

**ALEX KOZINSKI**  
U.S. Court of Appeals  
for the Ninth Circuit

**ROBERT LOWELL MILLER JR.**  
U.S. District Court,  
Northern District of Indiana

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

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

**WILLIAM J. ZLOCH**  
U.S. District Court,  
Southern District of Florida

## OVERHEARD *An honor, an obligation, a promise*



... And here I am before you, the first Latina to be appointed a judge in Yolo County. Today is an honor. But **more than an honor, it's an obligation**, an obligation to fulfill the duties entrusted to me, to turn the wheels of justice, **to create an atmosphere where both sides are heard** in a dignified manner, and [to be] accurate and skilled in my decisions. I am committed to carrying out my duties with fairness, impartiality, with absence of bias. I am determined to have **a courtroom which exemplifies patience, dignity and courtesy for all** those who appear before the bench. But today is also about a promise, **a promise I made to myself as a young girl to give back** to the community and society that has supported me and my family."

– JUDGE SONIA CORTÉS, at her swearing-in ceremony, Yolo County Superior Court, California

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