

# JUDICIAL HONORS

The Georgetown Center for the Constitution held a memorial event honoring Judge **LAURENCE H. SILBERMAN**, a longtime judge of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit, who died in October. Judge Silberman's former colleagues and law clerks, including Supreme Court Justice Amy Coney Barrett, described him as a principled and exacting jurist and a caring, engaging friend.

Judge **NAN WALLER** of Oregon's Multnomah County Circuit Court received the 27th Annual William H. Rehnquist Award for Judicial Excellence from the National Center for State Courts. During her 30 years of public service, Judge Waller has led innovations in the court's approaches to family law, mental health, and racial equity while also managing updates to the court's electronic filing, case management, and planning systems.

Judge **TINA L. CARABALLO** of Florida's Ninth Judicial Circuit received the Florida Courts 2022 Chief Justice Award for Judicial Excellence.



Judge Caraballo was recognized for her exceptional commitment to the judicial branch and her leadership in streamlining court operations during the COVID pandemic. Judge Caraballo is a former specialist in the United States Army.

The Memphis Federal Building was renamed in honor of the late Judge **ODELL HORTON** of the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Tennessee. Judge Odell was the first Black assistant U.S. attorney and federal judge in West Tennessee post-Reconstruction.

Justice **GOODWIN LIU** of the California Supreme Court and Chief Judge **ROGER GREGORY** of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit were among the four recipients of the American Bar Association's 2023 Spirit of Excellence Award. The award honors personal and professional excellence and a commitment to racial and ethnic diversity in the law.



Judge **KEVEN M.P. O'GRADY** of the 10th Judicial District of Kansas received the 2022 Mary C. McQueen Award at the National Center for State Court's Conference of Chief Justices. Judge O'Grady founded the Johnson County Self-Help Center, which has provided guidance to 30,000 court patrons navigating the legal system, and holds night court monthly for people who struggle to appear during the day.

The federal building and courthouse in Wheeling, W. Va., was renamed in honor of Judge **FREDERICK P. STAMP** of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of West Virginia. Judge Stamp, now on inactive senior status, served for 32 years and was described by Congressman David McKinley as a "steadfast and respected pillar of West Virginia and leader in this community."

Judge **SARAH S. VANCE** of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana was awarded the 2022 Edward J. Devitt Distinguished Service to Justice Award. The award is considered among the highest honors in the American judiciary, recognizing "significant contributions to the administration of justice, the advancement of the rule of law, and the improvement of society as a whole."

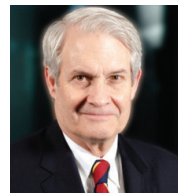
The National Judicial College awarded its highest honor, the Sandra Day O'Connor Award, to Senior Judge **BERNICE B. DONALD** of



the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit. Throughout her career, Judge Donald has been recognized as a trailblazer; from becoming the first African American women judge in Tennessee in 1982 to becoming the first African American woman appointed to

the Sixth Circuit. Judge Donald still serves on the Judicial Branch Committee of the U.S. Judicial Conference and on the Advisory Committee on Bankruptcy Rules.

*The National Law Journal* presented retired Judge **THOMAS GRIFFITH** of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit with a lifetime achievement



award. Judge Griffith devoted his career to public service across the political spectrum. He served as the U.S. Senate's chief legal officer during the impeachment trial of President Clinton and as an appointee to President Biden's Commission on the Supreme Court.

Judge **GARY COLEY JR.** of the 74th District Court of Texas received the Judicial Innovation and Leadership Award from the Texas Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA). Judge Coley founded the Heart of Texas Human Trafficking Coalition and has championed innovative approaches to pre-petition legal representation and state service to youth involved in both the juvenile justice and child welfare systems.

Malheur County Circuit Court Judge **LUNG HUNG** received the Oregon Supreme Court Chief's Award from then-Supreme Court Justice Martha Walters last fall. The award recognizes outstanding