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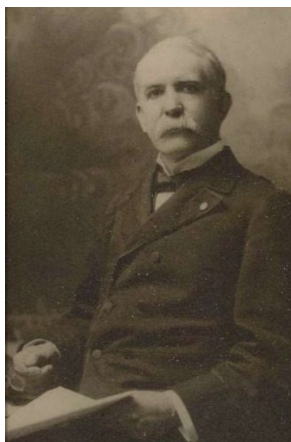
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## 1 | Judge James B. Black

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James B. Black was born in Morristown, New Jersey in 1838 and as a boy moved to Wabash, Indiana, where his father was a minister. He attended Indiana Asbury University (now DePauw University) for three years, then Indiana University until the outbreak of the Civil War. He enlisted in the Union Army in 1861 and served for three years and eight months, achieving the rank of lieutenant colonel. During this time, he also served as Judge Advocate in several courts-martial.

After the Civil War, Judge Black moved to Indianapolis to study law in the office of General (later U.S. President) Benjamin Harrison. In 1866 Judge Black was admitted to the bar and formed a law partnership with Byron Elliott, who would later serve as Chief Judge of the Indiana Supreme Court.

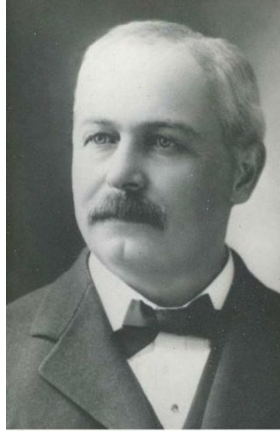
In 1881, the Indiana General Assembly created the Supreme Court Commission to help the state Supreme Court relieve a backlog of cases. Judge Black was named a commissioner by the members of the Supreme Court and served for three years. In 1889, he wrote and published *Black's Indiana Digest of the Decisions of the Supreme Court*.

In 1891, the General Assembly passed a statute creating a temporary Appellate Court of Indiana. Governor Alvin P. Hovey appointed Judge Black to the newly-formed Court for a term of four years, and his colleagues elected him the first Chief Judge.

Judge Black was elected to the Appellate Court in 1895. In 1897, the legislature renewed the appellate court statute, and in 1901 voted to create a permanent Appellate Court. Judge Black was re-elected several times and served on the Court until January 1, 1907.

In 1873, Judge Black married Amelia Keith Prudden, who died in 1910. He died in Indianapolis on December 11, 1916.

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## 2 | Judge Edgar D. Crumpacker

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Edgar Dean Crumpacker was born in Westville, LaPorte County, Indiana on May 26, 1851. He attended Valparaiso Academy before studying law at Indiana University, Bloomington. He was admitted to the Bar in 1876 and practiced in Valparaiso with his brother Grant. He married Charlotte Lucas in 1879 and together they had three sons, Owen, Fred, and Maurice, who all became lawyers.

Judge Crumpacker was elected as prosecuting attorney for Lake and Porter counties in 1884 and again in 1886. In 1891, the General Assembly passed a statute creating a temporary Appellate Court of Indiana, and Governor Alvin P. Hovey appointed Judge Crumpacker as one of the five inaugural members. He was nominated for election to the Court on the Republican ticket in 1892 but was unsuccessful.

Judge Crumpacker was elected as a Republican to the U.S. House of Representatives in 1896 and represented Indiana's Tenth District for eight terms, from 1897 to 1913. During his time in Congress, Judge Crumpacker served on the Ways and Means Committee, the Insular Affairs Committee, and was chairman of the House Committee on the Census from 1903 to 1910.

Judge Crumpacker returned to Valparaiso in 1913 and resumed the practice of law. He died in Valparaiso on May 19, 1920.



### 3 | Judge Jephtha D. New

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Jephtha Dudley New was born in Vernon, Jennings County, Indiana in 1830 and resided there nearly all of his life. He attended Vernon Seminary in his hometown and studied under Disciples of Christ founder Alexander Campbell at Bethany College in West Virginia. Following his graduation in 1850, he spent two years teaching school and studying law, first in the Indianapolis office of Horatio C. Newcomb, and then the office of Lucius Bingham in Vernon.

In 1856, Judge New entered the private practice of law in Franklin, Johnson County, with Thomas W. Woollen, who would later serve as Attorney General of Indiana. Less than a year later he returned to Vernon to open his own law practice and marry Sallie Butler, with whom he would father three children. In 1862 Judge New was elected prosecuting attorney and served for two years before being elected judge of the common pleas court for Jennings, Jackson, Bartholomew, and Lawrence Counties.

Judge New was twice elected to the U.S. House of Representatives as a Democrat, serving non-consecutive terms from 1875 to 1877 and from 1879 to 1881. He declined his party's nomination for the 1877 term. Following his second term, he returned to Vernon to practice law and in 1882 was elected circuit judge for Jennings, Ripley, and Scott Counties.

Judge New died before being elected to the Supreme Court, from a self-inflicted pistol shot, at home in Vernon on July 9, 1892. His son, Willard, succeeded him on the Appellate Court.



## 4 | Judge George L. Reinhard

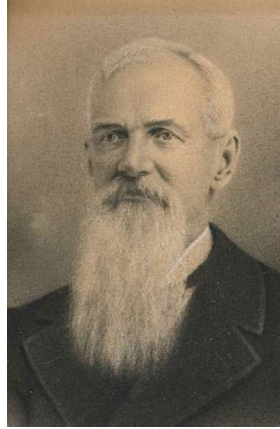
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George Louis Reinhard was born in Bavaria, Germany on July 5, 1843 and emigrated to the United States as a boy. He served four years in the Union Army during the Civil War, never graduating from the rank of private. After the war, from 1866 to 1868, he studied at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio and was admitted to the bar in Kentucky in 1869.

Judge Reinhard moved to Rockport, Spencer County, Indiana, and practiced law for a year with J.W. Feighan, a fellow Miami alumnus who also published the *Rockport Republican*. After Feighan moved to Kentucky in 1873, Judge Reinhard remained and was later elected prosecuting attorney and then judge of the Spencer Circuit Court. During his years in Spencer County, he published his first legal textbook, on criminal law.

In 1891, the General Assembly passed a statute creating a temporary Appellate Court of Indiana. Governor Alvin P. Hovey appointed Judge Reinhard to the newly formed Court, and he served from 1891 to 1897. He left the court to become a professor of law at Indiana University School of Law - Bloomington, where he taught until 1902. In 1902, I.U. named him the third dean of the law school and vice president of the university. He was active in the Association of American Law Schools and published several legal texts while serving as a university administrator and continuing to teach. His 1902 treatise on agency in contract and tort law is still available for study.





## 5 | Judge Milton S. Robinson

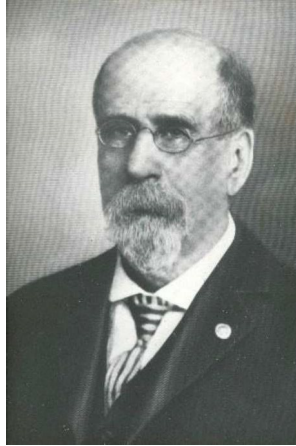
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Milton Stapp Robinson was born in Versailles, Ripley County, Indiana on April 20, 1832. He studied law under his father, Col. Joseph R. Robinson, a member of Indiana's second constitutional convention in 1851. Milton Robinson was admitted to the Bar in 1851 and opened a law practice in Anderson, Indiana.

One of the first Republicans in that party's infancy, Judge Robinson was a presidential elector in 1856, the first year the Republicans nominated a presidential candidate, John C. Fremont.

At the outbreak of the Civil War in 1861, Judge Robinson was a director of the Indiana State Penitentiary at Michigan City. He resigned to enter the Union Army as a lieutenant colonel with the 47th Indiana Volunteer Infantry, receiving his commission in September 1861. Later promoted to colonel of the 75th Indiana, he commanded a regiment that fought in some of the Civil War's most pivotal battles, including the Battle of Chickamauga in Georgia in September 1863, Missionary Ridge in Tennessee in November 1863, the siege of Atlanta during the summer of 1864, and General Sherman's March to the Sea. By the end of the war, Judge Robinson had risen to the rank of brigadier-general.

Robinson & Lovett became Robinson, Lovett & Keltner in 1888. In March 1891, the General Assembly passed a statute creating a temporary Appellate Court of Indiana, and Governor Alvin P. Hovey appointed Judge Robinson as one of the five original members. Judge Robinson was a candidate for election to the Appellate Court at the time of his death. He died at home in Anderson on July 28, 1892.



## 6 | Judge Henry C. Fox

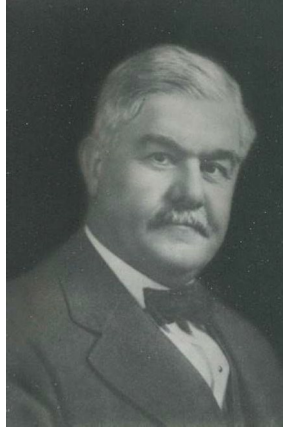
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Henry Clay Fox was born in Preble County, Ohio, on January 20, 1836. He attended college for one year at Whitewater Academy in Centerville, Wayne County, Indiana, before returning home to Ohio to become a schoolteacher. In 1860, his family relocated to Wayne County, where he studied law under the tutelage of George W. Julien and Judge Nimrod H. Johnson. He was admitted to the Wayne County Bar in 1861.

One month following the outbreak of the Civil War, in May 1861, Judge Fox married Helen Linsley, then left for duty in Company C of the 57th Regiment, Indiana Volunteer Infantry, serving as a First Lieutenant. For more than a year, he fought primarily in Kentucky, Tennessee, and Alabama. The 57th Indiana participated in the Battle of Shiloh on April 6 and 7, 1862.

In 1862, Judge Fox retired from the Army due to ill health and returned home to Wayne County. He served as district attorney for the counties of Wayne, Union, Franklin and Fayette from 1863 to 1867. From 1862 until 1878, and again from 1879 until 1892, he engaged in the practice of law with several partners, including Judge Nimrod Johnson, William A. Peele, John L. Rupe, and John F. Robbins. He was elected judge of the Wayne Superior Court in 1878.

Judge Fox returned to the practice of law in Wayne County, until he won election as judge of the Wayne Circuit Court in 1896, an office he held until November 13, 1920. He and his wife Helen had two sons and a daughter; Helen Fox died in 1912. Judge Fox died at his home in Richmond on November 22, 1920.



## 7 | Judge Willard New

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Willard New was born in Vernon, Indiana on December 4, 1862. He attended school in Vernon, then Indiana University in Bloomington. Following college, he studied law in the office of his father, Jephtha D. New, and was admitted to the bar in 1883.

He entered into private practice until the death of his father, who was serving on the Appellate Court of Indiana. Governor Ira Chase appointed him to complete his father's term, and he served on the Appellate Court from August 20 to December 31, 1892.

Judge New was later elected Circuit Judge of the state's sixth judicial circuit on November 7, 1894, serving two terms of six years each. Afterward he and his brother, Burt, practiced law together in North Vernon until April 1911, when he moved to Indianapolis to form the law firm of Korbly and New with Bernard Korbly.



## 8 | Judge Theodore P. Davis

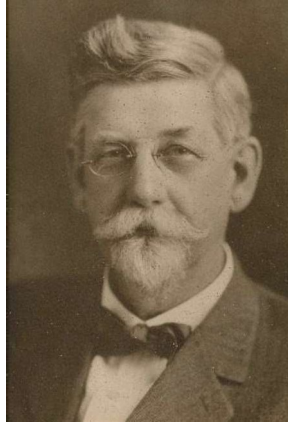
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Theodore P. Davis was born in January 1855 in Hamilton County, Indiana. A school teacher, he studied law on the side. He was admitted to the bar in 1874 and began working at the firm of Moss & Kane, later forming a partnership in Noblesville with one of his colleagues.

As a partner in Kane & Davis, he became active in Democratic party politics. He was a delegate to the Democratic National Convention in Cincinnati in 1880, and later in the decade was a candidate for judge of the Hamilton Circuit Court, a race he lost by less than 200 votes.

Judge Davis won a seat on the Appellate Court of Indiana as a Democrat in 1892. He served a single four-year term, from January 1893 to January 1897, then formed the Indianapolis law firm of Gavin and Davis with Frank Gavin, a colleague on the Court.

News accounts reported he died of “Bright’s disease and hardening of the arteries.” He was survived by his wife, Anna, and their three children, Helen, Gray, and Paul. Paul entered into law practice with his father’s partner, Judge Frank Gavin.



## 9 | Judge Frank E. Gavin

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Frank Gavin was born in Greensburg in Decatur County on February 20, 1854. He was admitted to Harvard University at 15 and graduated with honors in 1873. He studied law in the Greensburg office of his father, Colonel James Gavin, and his father's partner, John D. Miller, later a judge of the Indiana Supreme Court. In 1875, Judge Gavin was admitted to the Decatur County Bar, married Ella Lathrop, and became a Mason in Greensburg.

Judge Gavin practiced law in Greensburg until he was elected as a Democrat to the Appellate Court of Indiana in 1892. He served one four-year term, and in January 1897 formed the Indianapolis law firm of Gavin and Davis with one of his Appellate Court colleagues, Theodore Davis.

Following Judge Davis's death in 1907, Judge Gavin presented his memorial tribute before the Appellate Court. He continued his law practice with Judge Davis's son, Paul G. Davis, and his two sons, William and James, until 1914. In 1912 he served as president of the Indiana State Bar Association, following many years as treasurer.

Judge Gavin was an avid Mason, joining the lodge in Indianapolis in 1886 and serving in several offices, including as a member of the committee that constructed the Scottish Rite Masonic Temple in Indianapolis. He served as Grand Master of the Indiana Grand Lodge from 1894 to 1895. Judge Gavin also maintained a long-standing interest in his alma mater, Harvard University, and was the first alumnus from Indiana to be president of the Associated Harvard Clubs, from 1903 to 1904.

Judge Gavin's wife preceded him in death; their three children survived him. He continued to practice law with his son James until his final illness, dying at home in Indianapolis on November 1, 1936.

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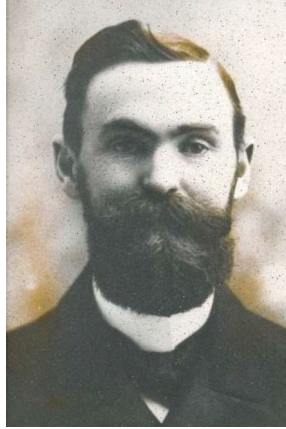
## 10 | Judge Orlando J. Lotz

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Orlando J. Lotz was born in Jay County, Indiana on January 15, 1851. Following work as a school teacher, he earned a degree at the National Law School in Washington D.C. in 1874. From 1875 to 1885, he practiced law in Muncie with Charles Kilgore and later with Frank Ellis. In 1878, he married Amanda Inlow. They had a son, Walter J. Lotz, who also practiced law, in Muncie and Hammond.

In 1885, Governor Isaac P. Gray named Judge Lotz to the Delaware Circuit Court. He was elected to the Circuit Court in 1886 and served there until 1893.

In 1892, Judge Lotz was elected to the Appellate Court of Indiana and served one term, from January 1, 1893 to January 1, 1897. He then formed Gregory, Silverburg & Lotz with Ralph S. Gregory and Adolphe C. Silverburg and practiced law with them for the next five years.



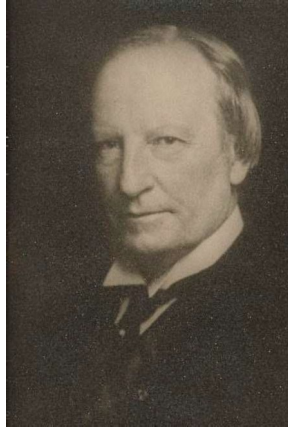
## 11 | Judge George E. Ross

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George E. Ross was born on January 15, 1858. He attended public schools in Peru, Indiana before enrolling at Wabash College in Crawfordsville. In 1878 he gained admission to the Bar from Cass County and practiced with his father, Nathan O. Ross.

Judge Ross won a seat on the Appellate Court of Indiana as a Democrat and served one term, from January 1, 1893 to January 1, 1897. He returned to Cass County to practice law with his father, until Nathan Ross passed away in July 1901.

In 1901, Judge Ross became counsel to the Pittsburgh, Cincinnati, Chicago, and St. Louis Railway Company, which later became the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. In this position, which he held until his death, he regularly argued cases before the Appellate Court of Indiana and the Indiana Supreme Court.



## 12 | Judge Daniel W. Comstock

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Daniel Webster Comstock was born in Germantown, Ohio on December 16, 1840. He graduated from Ohio Wesleyan University in 1860, then moved to New Castle, Indiana and was admitted to the bar in 1861. In 1862 he was elected district attorney for the Eleventh Common Pleas District, but resigned in 1863 to join the 9th Indiana Cavalry in the Civil War. His unit saw action throughout Tennessee and Mississippi, including at Nashville, Vicksburg and New Orleans. An officer, he was consistently promoted, and ended the war as Acting Assistant Adjutant General of the Military District of Mississippi.

Following the war, Judge Comstock returned to Indiana and married Josephine Rohrer in Richmond in 1867. They had three children. In 1866, he served as Richmond city attorney and was Wayne County prosecutor from 1872 to 1876. He was elected to the state senate in 1878.

Following nine years as judge of the Seventeenth Judicial Circuit, Judge Comstock won election to the Appellate Court of Indiana as a Republican in 1896. He served on the Court from 1897 to 1911 and was Chief Judge five times, in the May 1899, November 1901, November 1904, May 1907 and May 1910 terms.

In 1916, he was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives from Indiana's Sixth District. Not long after arriving in Washington for the start of the Congressional session in March 1917, Judge Comstock fell ill and did not recover. He died of pneumonia at his hotel in Washington D.C. on May 19, 1917.





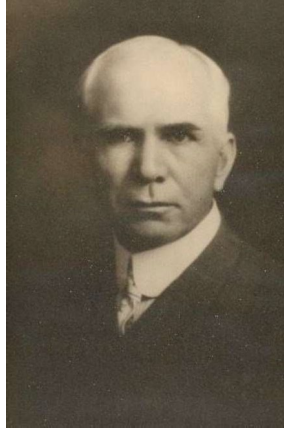
## 13 | Judge William J. Henley

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William J. Henley, Sr. was born in Carthage, Rush County, Indiana on October 15, 1863. He studied law in the offices of Mellett and Bundy in New Castle and served as deputy clerk of court in Rushville from 1883 to 1884. In 1885 he was admitted to the bar and formed the firm of Smith and Henley with Ben L. Smith in Rushville. Later he entered into practice with another partner, Lot E. Guffin.

Judge Henley was elected as a Republican to the Appellate Court of Indiana in 1896 at age 33. He won re-election in 1900 and was Chief Judge for three different terms: May 1898, November 1900 and November 1903. He resigned from the Court in 1903 to accept the position of President and General Counsel of the Chicago and Western Indiana Railroad.

He remained active in Republican politics and worked for the railroad until 1912, then practiced law in Indianapolis with a variety of partners until a first retirement in 1917. Ill health prompted him to return to his farm near Carthage in Rush County, but in 1928, he returned to the practice of law for 11 more years, retiring again in 1939.



## 14 | Judge Woodfin D. Robinson

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Woodfin D. Robinson was born on January 27, 1857 in Illinois. After receiving his B.A. from Indiana University in 1879, he taught school in Gibson County, Indiana and served as superintendent of schools. He left to attend law school at the University of Virginia, then transferred to the University of Michigan, graduating with an LL.B. in 1883.

He returned to Princeton, Gibson County, and formed a law practice with Arthur Twineham for nearly 14 years, from 1883 to 1897. He founded and edited the *Gibson County Leader* newspaper and served the citizens of Gibson County for one term in the Indiana General Assembly.

In 1896, Judge Robinson was elected to the Appellate Court of Indiana, and served for ten years. He was Chief Judge for four terms – November 1897, May 1900, May 1903 and May 1906. Upon his retirement from the bench, he moved to Evansville and formed a partnership with William E. Stilwell.

He suffered a heart attack and died at home in Evansville on May 8, 1930.



## 15 | Judge Ulric Z. Wiley

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Ulric Z. Wiley was born in Jefferson County, Indiana, on November 14, 1846, the son of a minister. He graduated from Hanover College in 1867 and became a schoolteacher. In 1871 he studied law in Indianapolis under William Wallace and enrolled at Northwestern Christian University (now Butler University), where he graduated in 1873.

In 1874, Judge Wiley married Mary Cole and moved to Fowler to begin practicing law. After serving as Benton County attorney, he was elected to the Indiana General Assembly in 1882.

In August 1892, Governor Ira Chase appointed Judge Wiley as judge of the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit. He was elected to the position in the fall election of 1892.

He died at home in Indianapolis on January 5, 1929.



## 16 | Judge Frank S. Roby

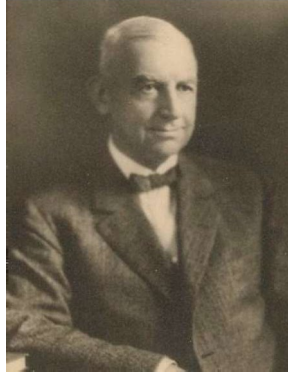
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Shortly after Frank Sallue Roby was born in Leesville, Ohio on June 26, 1854, his family moved to Steuben County, Indiana. He attended high school in Angola for one year, then became a schoolteacher himself, as well as a carpenter. In his leisure time, he read borrowed law books and studied law under Robert W. McBride, who would later become a judge of the Indiana Supreme Court. Judge Roby was admitted to the bar in 1876 and began practicing law in Angola in 1882.

In 1897 he was appointed to fill a vacancy in the DeKalb-Steuben Circuit Court and served until January 1899, when his elected successor took office.

In 1901, the state legislature made the Appellate Court of Indiana a permanent institution (previously, the five-judge Court had a limited tenure by statute). The newly-permanent Court was also granted another judge, and on March 21, 1901, Governor Winfield Durbin appointed Judge Roby to the Appellate Court as the sixth judge. A Republican, he was elected to the Court in 1902 and 1906; he served as Chief Judge four different times for the November 1902, November 1905, November 1907, and November 1910 terms.

He died of pneumonia on January 3, 1926 at the home of his children in Zionsville.



## 17 | Judge David A. Myers

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Justice Myers was born August 5, 1859, in Cass County, Indiana, and died July 1, 1955, in Greensburg, Indiana.

He attended Smithson College, Danville Normal College, and Union University. He received a law degree from Union (now Albany) Law School at Albany, New York in 1882.

He began practicing law in 1883 at Greensburg, Indiana. In 1886, he was elected city attorney of Greensburg, Indiana. In 1899, he was appointed judge of the 8th Indiana Judicial District. In 1890 and 1892, he served as county prosecutor for the Decatur-Rush Judicial District. In 1904, he was appointed judge of the 1st District Indiana Appellate Court and was subsequently elected to the post, serving until 1913. He was elected to the Indiana Supreme Court in 1916, and re-elected in 1922 and 1928, serving altogether from January 1, 1917, to December 31, 1934. In thirty years as a member of Indiana's two highest courts, he served under eleven governors.



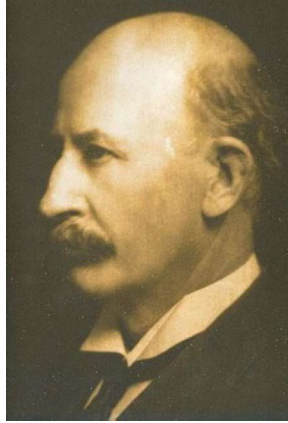
## 18 | Judge Cassius C. Hadley

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Cassius Clay Hadley was born on August 9, 1860 in Hendricks County, Indiana. He attended Butler College for three years before entering DePauw University, where he graduated with a law degree.

He moved to Scott County, Kansas to practice law, and was elected county prosecuting attorney there. He married Frances Reed in 1886 in Greensburg, Indiana. In 1888, he returned to Hendricks County and practiced law in Danville. In 1896, he moved to Indianapolis and established a law practice. He was appointed Indiana Deputy Attorney General in 1889, and served in this post for eight years. As Deputy Attorney General, he argued two cases before the U.S. Supreme Court and several before the state supreme court. Judge Hadley was elected to the Appellate Court of Indiana in 1906, and served one term, from 1907 to 1911. He then practiced law in Indianapolis and was president of the Central Law School until his death.

He died at home in Indianapolis on November 24, 1913.



## 19 | Judge Joseph M. Rabb

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Joseph Rabb was born in Covington, Fountain County, Indiana on February 14, 1846. The Civil War began when he was still a teenager, and he enlisted in the 6th Indiana Calvary Regiment in the Union Army. His unit saw action mostly in Tennessee and Georgia, particularly the battles of Kennesaw Mountain, Atlanta, and Nashville in 1864.

Judge Rabb was mustered out of service following the end of the war in 1865. He returned home to Indiana, studied law, and was admitted to the bar in Warren County in 1867. He began practicing in Williamsport.

He served 24 years as judge of the Twenty-First Judicial Circuit. In 1906, he was elected as a Republican to the Appellate Court of Indiana and served one term, from January 1, 1907 to January 1, 1911.

He died at home in Logansport on April 29, 1925.



## 20 | Judge Ward H. Watson

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Ward Watson was born on November 7, 1859 near Corydon in Harrison County, Indiana. He attended Normal School in Danville, Indiana and became a schoolteacher in Charlestown, Clark County. He studied law in the office of James K. Marsh, later his partner, and was admitted to the bar in 1883.

Judge Watson, known as one of the “Big Four” Republican leaders in Clark County, practiced law there until his election as a Republican to the Indiana Senate, representing Clark and Jefferson counties. In 1906, he was elected to the Appellate Court of Indiana and served one term, from January 1, 1907 to January 1, 1911.

From 1911 to 1931, Judge Watson practiced law in Indianapolis and remained active in Republican party politics. He was a member of the Columbia Club in Indianapolis and was trustee of Moores Hill College, serving a term as President of its Board of Trustees. He married Edith Barnett in Charlestown in 1890; she died in 1910.





## 21 | Judge Andrew A. Adams

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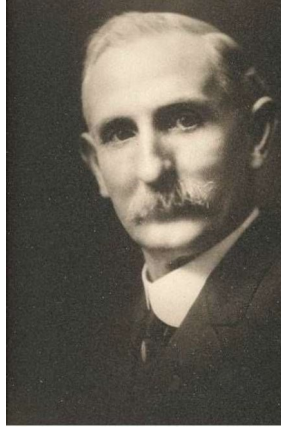
Andrew Adams was born in Whitley County, Indiana on January 27, 1864. He attended Wabash College for three years before entering Washington and Jefferson College in Washington, Pennsylvania, graduating with a bachelor's degree in 1884 and a master's degree in 1887.

In 1887, Judge Adams returned to Indiana to study law in the office of Robertson and Harper in Fort Wayne and was admitted to the bar that same year. He began practicing law in Columbia City with James S. Collins.

A Democrat, he was elected the Indiana House of Representatives in 1888 and 1892. In 1890, he married Lois Andrew of Louisville, and they had one son, Robert A. Adams, who became a lawyer in Indianapolis.

Judge Adams was a trustee of Purdue University from 1907 to 1912 and a member of the Uniform Law Commission of Indiana from 1909 to 1913. He was a Mason and a member of Phi Gamma Delta fraternity, the Presbyterian Church, and the Indiana, New York City and American Bar Associations. He was also a member of the Lawyers Club, the University of New York Club, and the Indianapolis Literary Club.

He died of heart disease in Clearwater, Florida on May 5, 1936.



## 22 | Judge Edward W. Felt

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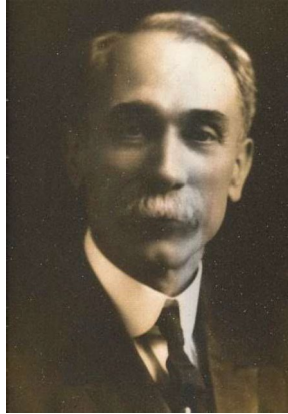
Edward Felt was born in Alleghany County, Virginia on November 7, 1859. He grew up in Hancock County, Indiana and graduated from the Central Normal School in Danville in 1884. He taught school for a year in Greenfield.

In 1885, Judge Felt married Martha Thomas and began law studies in the office of James A. New in Greenfield. He was admitted to practice in the Hancock Circuit Court in 1887, and joined Mr. New as a partner.

A Democrat, Judge Felt was elected prosecuting attorney for the 18th judicial circuit in 1890 and 1892. In 1896, he was appointed Hancock County Attorney, then elected Judge of Hancock Circuit Court in 1900. He first ran for the Appellate Court of Indiana in 1906 but was defeated. In 1910 he was elected, and served on the Court from January 1, 1911 to January 1, 1919. On January 13, 1913, he administered the oath of office to Indiana's 28<sup>th</sup> governor, Samuel Ralston, an old friend from the Central Normal School in Danville.

Judge Felt and his wife had five children. He was an active Mason and a member of the Irvington Methodist Episcopal Church.

He died on June 5, 1926 after falling from a ladder at home in Indianapolis.



## 23 | Judge Milton B. Hottel

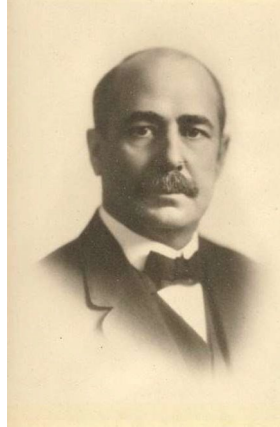
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Milton Hottel was born on May 1, 1860 in Harrison County, Indiana. He attended school in Washington County and at Pinkham Academy in Paoli. He received his college education from Indiana University in 1882. He taught school for two years following his graduation, was admitted to the bar, and began his law practice at Salem in 1885.

Judge Hottel was active in Democratic party politics. He was nominated unsuccessfully for the Appellate Court of Indiana in 1906 and for Attorney General of Indiana in 1908. In 1912, he won a seat on the Appellate Court and was re-elected in 1914. He served on the Court from January 1, 1911 to January 1, 1919 and was Chief Judge three different times for the May 1912, November 1916 and May 1917 terms.

Upon leaving the Court he formed the law firm of Shea & Hottel in Indianapolis with Joseph Shea, a colleague on the Appellate Court. Later he was partner in the firm of Hottel, Mote & Smith with Donald R. Mote and Oscar Smith, specializing in probate and insurance law.

He fell ill following a business trip to Arkansas and died at St. Vincent's Hospital in Indianapolis on June 12, 1936.



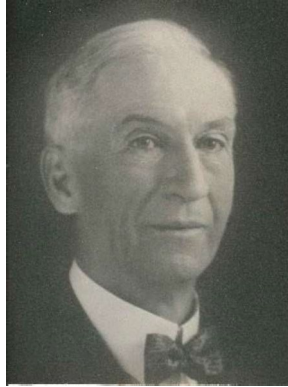
## 24 | Judge Joseph G. Ibach

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Joseph G. Ibach was born in Huntington County, Indiana on March 15, 1862, the son of a lawyer. He attended private school and Huntington High School, then the Law School of DePauw University, where he graduated in 1883. He married Minnie May Friedley in 1885, and they had two daughters and a son.

Judge Ibach was elected to the Appellate Court of Indiana in 1910 and served from January 1, 1911 to January 1, 1919. He was Chief Judge for three Court terms – November 1912, November 1915 and November 1917. Following his service on the Court, Judge Ibach returned to Hammond to practice law.

Judge Ibach served on the Hammond School Board from 1906 to 1910. He founded a bank in Hammond, was a Mason, and a member of the Presbyterian Church.



## 25 | Judge Moses B. Lairy

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Justice Lairy was born August 13, 1859, in Cass County, Indiana, and died April 9, 1927, in Logansport, Indiana.

He went to the public schools and then taught there following graduation. He attended Valparaiso University, and then entered the law department at the University of Michigan, where he graduated in 1889. He was admitted to the Indiana bar the same year.

He was appointed a circuit judge in 1895, and in 1910, he was elected to the Indiana Appellate Court. In 1914, he was elected to the Indiana Supreme Court and served from 1915 to 1921.



## 26 | Judge Joseph H. Shea

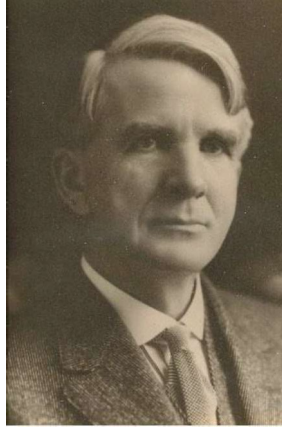
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Joseph H. Shea was born in Lexington, Scott County, Indiana on July 24, 1863. He studied law in Scottsburg under Charles Jewett and was admitted to the bar in 1885.

He then entered Indiana University and graduated in 1889 with a Bachelor of Arts. He returned to Scottsburg and practiced law for nearly 10 years with Col. Jewett and Mark Storen. In 1892, he became a member of the Board of Trustees of Indiana University.

Very active in Democratic party politics, Judge Shea was elected as a Democrat to the Indiana Senate in 1896, serving Scott, Clark, and Jennings Counties. In 1898, he moved to Seymour and formed a partnership with Carl E. Wood. From 1900 to 1904, he was the prosecutor for Scott, Jennings, and Ripley Counties. He was elected judge of the 40th judicial circuit in 1906.

Judge Shea was a member of the Indiana Democratic Club, the University Club of Indianapolis, the Seymour Country Club, and the Benevolent Protective Order of the Elks. He died in Indianapolis on December 22, 1928.



## 27 | Judge Frederick S. Caldwell

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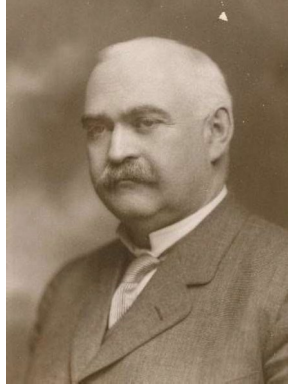
Frederick S. Caldwell was born in Long Bottom, Ohio on January 17, 1862. At the age of 20, he came to the Ohio River town of New Amsterdam, Indiana, in Harrison County, to serve as principal of schools. In 1885 he was chosen principle of city schools in Winchester, Randolph County, and was married one year later, in 1886, to Emma Stewart. They later had two daughters.

In 1891, he became superintendent of schools in Winchester. In his free time he studied law, and in 1892, he left his career as a school administrator to practice law in Winchester.

In 1913, Governor Samuel Ralston asked him to be one of his legal advisers during a legislative session. When Judge Andrew Adams resigned from the Appellate Court of Indiana later that year, Governor Ralston appointed Judge Caldwell to fill the vacancy.

He was a Mason, an Odd Fellow, and a member of the Knights of Pythias. Late in life, he practiced law with his grandson, Robert Oliver.

His wife, Emma, died in 1926. Judge Caldwell died suddenly at home in Winchester on October 13, 1939.



## 28 | Judge Frank M. Powers

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Frank Powers was born near Angola, Indiana on April 3, 1860 and lived his whole life in Steuben County. He studied law in the office of Woodhull and Croxton in Angola and began practicing law in 1882.

Judge Powers was a Mason and a Knight of Pythias. He was Circuit Judge for Steuben and Dekalb Counties for four years, from 1910 to 1914.

In November 1914, he was elected as a Democrat to the Appellate Court of Indiana, but served on the Court for only one month and two days, from January 1, 1915 to February 3, 1915.





## 29 | Judge James J. Moran

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James J. Moran was born on November 12, 1873 in Adams County, Indiana. He was admitted to the Jay County Bar in 1895 and graduated from Indiana Law School in 1896. In 1898, he married Elizabeth Sommers.

In 1910, Judge Moran ran for judge of the Jay Circuit Court and took office on January 1, 1911. Governor Samuel Ralston appointed him to the Appellate Court of Indiana to replace Judge Frank Powers, who died in office. Judge Moran served one term, from February 10, 1915 to January 1, 1919.

After his service on the Appellate Court, Judge Moran returned to the practice of law, and became known as an expert in appellate practice and procedure. In 1921, he joined the American Bar Association, regularly attending its meetings. He served a year as president of the Indiana State Bar Association in 1923. In 1938, he returned to the Jay Circuit Court to serve out the unexpired term of Judge Hanson F. Mills.



## 30 | Judge John C. McNutt

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John Chrittenden McNutt was born in Johnson County, Indiana on May 25, 1863. At 17, he became a schoolteacher and studied law under his uncle, Judge Cyrus McNutt in Terre Haute. He was admitted to the bar in Johnson County in his early 20s and in 1886 he began practicing law with William C. Thompson in Franklin. He was elected to a two-year term as prosecuting attorney for Johnson and Shelby Counties in 1888.

In 1893, he left Franklin to serve as State Law Librarian, an office he held for five years. Afterward, he practiced law in Martinsville.

Judge McNutt was named to the Appellate Court of Indiana by Governor Samuel M. Ralston to replace Judge Joseph H. Shea, who resigned to become U.S. Ambassador to Chile. Judge McNutt took his seat on May 1, 1916 and served until January 1, 1917. He ran as a Democrat for election to the Court in 1916 but was unsuccessful.

His only child, Paul V. McNutt, practiced law with his father for a time in Martinsville. Paul McNutt served as Governor of Indiana from 1933 to 1937.

Following the death of his wife, Ruth, in 1947, Judge McNutt moved to New York City to live with his son. He died there in December 1949.



## 31 | Judge Ira C. Batman

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Ira Batman was born in Lawrence County, Indiana on January 20, 1862. He taught school before attending Indiana University, graduating in 1885. He began practicing law in Bloomington with Judge H.C. Duncan, then later with Robert Miller and James Blair in the firm of Batman, Miller & Blair. He married Mary Waldron in 1886, and together they had a daughter.

He was city attorney for Bloomington for 10 years and prosecuting attorney for Monroe and Owen Counties for two years. In 1904, he was elected to the Indiana House of Representatives.

In 1916, Judge Batman was elected as a Republican to the Appellate Court of Indiana, where he served two terms, from January 1, 1917 to January 1, 1925.

He died of a heart attack at home in Bloomington on April 10, 1934. Because of Judge Batman's Statute as a long-time trustee of Indiana University, classes were dismissed during the hour of his funeral so that students could attend.



## 32 | Judge Ethan A. Dausman

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Ethan A. Dausman was born in Elkhart, Indiana on January 3, 1862. At 16, he became a schoolteacher, and attended Valparaiso Normal School, now Valparaiso University. During a decade of teaching, he also studied law in the office of Daniel Zook in Nappanee and was admitted to practice law in Elkhart County in the fall of 1884. The previous year, he married Mary Stauffer in Nappanee.

In 1892, Judge Dausman moved from Nappanee to Goshen to practice law. In 1896, he served as chairman of the Elkhart County Democratic Central Committee, but resigned after disagreeing with the “free silver” policy of the Democrats’ presidential nominee that year, William Jennings Bryan.

Judge Dausman switched parties and was elected in 1900 as a Republican to the Indiana Senate, where he served for two legislative sessions.

He died at the home of his son, Guy, in Goshen on September 21, 1928.



## 33 | Judge Solon A. Enloe

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Solon A. Enloe was born in Mulberry Grove, Illinois on August 28, 1860. At 16, he became a schoolteacher and then studied law at Central Normal College at Danville, Indiana, where he graduated in 1884.

Judge Enloe returned to Illinois, where he practiced law in Greenville and East St. Louis. On Christmas Day, 1886, he married Cora Dooley of Danville and they had a daughter. In 1894, the family returned to Danville, and he formed a law partnership with Thad S. Adams.

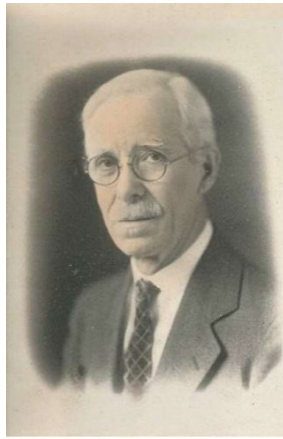
In 1898, he joined the Army to fight in the Spanish-American War, serving in Company H of the 158th Infantry. He continued his service at the close of the war, joining the regular army, assigned to Company D of the 25th Infantry. He was stationed in the Philippines for more than two years.

His wife died in 1918, the same year he was elected as a Republican to the Appellate Court of Indiana. He served on the Court from January 1, 1919 to January 1, 1931, and he was Chief Judge four times – for the May 1921, May 1924, May 1926 and November 1928 terms.

Judge Enloe was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Spanish War Veterans, the Masons, the Columbia Club, the Indiana State Bar Association, and the Central Christian Church of Indianapolis.

He died at home in Indianapolis on October 15, 1932, following a stroke suffered during the summer at his lake home in LaGrange County.

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## 34 | Judge Willis C. McMahan

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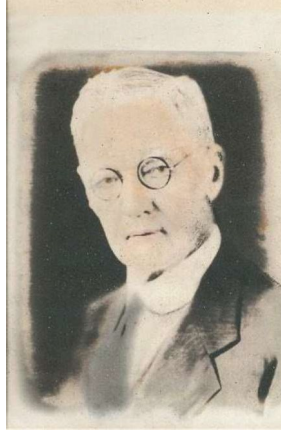
Willis C. McMahan was born on August 2, 1858 on a farm in Carroll County, Indiana. He graduated from Central Normal College in Danville, Indiana and with a degree in law from the University of Michigan in 1883. He was admitted to the bar in Delphi in October of that year. He began practicing law in Crown Point in 1884 and married Irene Allman of Crown Point in 1888. They had one son and three daughters.

He was elected prosecuting attorney for Lake and Porter Counties in 1890 and served until 1894 before returning to private practice. In 1902 he was elected judge of the Lake Circuit Court, a job he held until he was elected to the Appellate Court.

Judge McMahan was elected as a Republican to the Appellate Court of Indiana in 1918 and he served on the Court from January 1, 1919 until January 1, 1931. He was Chief Judge during the May 1920, May 1923, November 1926, and May 1929 terms.

Judge McMahan was a charter member of the Crown Point Lodge, Knights of Pythias, and a member of the Lake County and Indiana State Bar Associations. He founded two community banks and was the owner of McMahan Seed Company, which had stores in Crown Point, Valparaiso, and LaPorte.

Judge McMahan died at home in Gary in May 1948.



## 35 | Judge Alonzo L. Nichols

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Alonzo Lee Nichols was born in Lynn, Indiana on August 3, 1856. He attended the State Normal School at Terre Haute for one year, and while still a teenager became a schoolteacher in his hometown.

In 1880 he married Kittie Wiseman and moved the short distance to Winchester. He taught school there for six years, and in 1885 served a term as deputy Randolph County clerk. During this experience, he took up the study of law in the offices of Thompson, Marsh, and Thompson and was admitted to the bar in 1889. He practiced for nearly 20 years in Winchester. In 1892, he was elected as Randolph County clerk.

Judge Nichols was elected as a Republican to three terms on the Appellate Court of Indiana, beginning in 1918, and served from January 1, 1919 to January 1, 1931. He was Chief Judge five times – for the May 1919, May 1922, November 1922, November 1925, and May 1928 terms. After his years on the Court, Judge Nichols returned to private practice, in Winchester, with his son, Merrill.

Judge Nichols, one of 11 siblings, fathered seven children, five of whom preceded him in death. He lost his wife in 1935 and remarried a year and a half later, to Olive Van Nuys. He died at home on June 9, 1937.



## 36 | Judge Charles F. Remy

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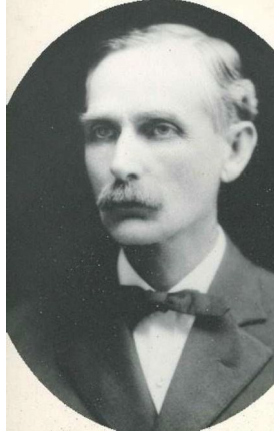
Charles Remy was born near Hope in Bartholomew County, Indiana on February 25, 1860. He received a bachelor's degree from Franklin College in 1884 and a law degree from the University of Michigan in 1888. He was admitted to the bar in Bartholomew County and formed Hacker & Remy with Judge Marshall Hacker. In 1891, he married Deborah Henderson of Columbus and they had one son, William, who would later practice law in Indianapolis with his father.

In 1894, Judge Remy was elected to the Indiana House of Representatives from Bartholomew County and served for one term. In 1896, he was elected Reporter of the Supreme and Appellate Courts and served from 1897 to 1905. In 1905, he formed a law practice in Indianapolis with James M. Berryhill.

In 1918 he was elected as a Republican to the Appellate Court of Indiana and served from January 1, 1919 to January 1, 1931. He was Chief Judge five times, for the November 1920, November 1923, May 1925, November 1927, and November 1929 terms. Following his tenure on the Court, Judge Remy returned to the practice of law in Indianapolis for the next 17 years.

Judge Remy went to work daily in his office on the Circle in Indianapolis into his late 80s. He died unexpectedly in Martinsville on September 28, 1948.





## 37 | Judge Francis M. Thompson

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Francis Thompson was born in Ripley County, Indiana on July 12, 1857. He was a schoolteacher in Ripley County from age 17 to 22, attending college during summer breaks. He began studying law in 1881 in the offices of William and Charles Willson in Versailles. In 1883, he married in Ripley County to Linda Harper, with whom he would have five children.

In 1887, he left Indiana to practice in Kansas and Colorado, returning in 1891. In 1894, he was elected prosecuting attorney for Ripley, Jennings and Scott Counties, and he served for one term. He again served one term in public office when in 1906 he was elected judge of the circuit court of Ripley and Jennings County.

In 1924, Judge Thompson was elected as a Republican to the Appellate Court of Indiana and served for one four-year term. He was Chief Judge for the Court's May 1927 session.

He died in Versailles, Indiana on February 18, 1936.



## 38 | Judge Elmer Q. Lockyear

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Elmer Lockyear was born in Warrick County, Indiana on November 19, 1869. He was a schoolteacher in Warrick County before enrolling in DePauw University's School of Law, where he graduated in 1893.

He was admitted to the bar in Evansville the following fall, working with Saunders Hornbrook and lecturing on commercial law at Lockyear's Business College. He and Letitia Miller married in 1897.

In 1919, Governor James Goodrich appointed Judge Lockyear to the newly- created Vanderburgh Probate Court. He served in this office for more than nine years.

Following his retirement from the bench, he practiced with Seth Ward in Indianapolis for two years, then returned to Evansville to form a partnership with his son, Theodore. Judge Lockyear was a member of Trinity Methodist Church and was active in the Evansville Civic Association and the Kiwanis Club.



## 39 | Judge Noel C. Neal

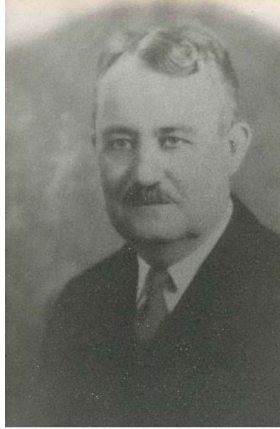
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Noel C. Neal was born in Noblesville, Indiana on February 4, 1885. He received his bachelor's degree from Wabash College and his law degree from Indiana University. In 1910, he was admitted to the bar in Hamilton County and practiced there with his father, John F. Neal, until his election to the Appellate Court.

Judge Neal was elected to the Appellate Court of Indiana as a Republican in 1928 and served from January 1, 1929, to January 1, 1933. Following his service on the Court, he returned to Noblesville to practice law. He also opened a law office in Indianapolis with a partner, Elmon Williams.

He was a member of the Bar of the United States District Court of Indiana and the Supreme Court of the United States. Judge Neal was also a member of the Hamilton County, Indiana State, and Indianapolis Bar Associations.

At the time of his death in 1955 he was practicing law in Noblesville with his daughter, Frances, and serving as Noblesville city attorney.



## 40 | Judge William H. Bridwell

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William H. Bridwell was born in Owensburg, Indiana on October 14, 1871. He was a schoolteacher for five years before graduating from Indiana University Law School in 1898. He practiced law in Sullivan.

Judge Bridwell served two terms as deputy prosecutor in Sullivan County. Governor Thomas Marshall appointed him judge of the Sullivan Circuit Court in 1911; he also served in this office for two terms.

Judge Bridwell was elected as a Democrat to the Appellate Court of Indiana in 1930 and served from January 1, 1931, until his death on March 30, 1941. He was Chief Judge four times – for the November 1931, May 1934, May 1937 and May 1940 terms.

He died in office on March 30, 1941.



## 41 | Judge Harvey J. Curtis

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Harvey Jackson Curtis was born on January 20, 1876, in Argos, Indiana. His early career was centered in Marshall County, Indiana—he was superintendent of schools in Tyner for four years, was admitted to the bar in nearby Plymouth in 1901 and began practicing in Walkerton. He graduated from the University of Michigan Law School in 1903.

In 1908, Judge Curtis moved to the new city of Gary. In 1910, he was appointed Gary's first city attorney.

He was elected to the Appellate Court of Indiana in 1930 and served from January 1, 1931, until January 1, 1943. He was Chief Judge four different times – for the November 1932, November 1935, November 1938 and November 1940 Court terms.

Judge Curtis was a member of the American and Indiana State Bar Associations, as well as the Gary Bar Association from its earliest days. He belonged to the Episcopal Church of Gary, the Elks Club, and the Masons.

He died at his home in Orlando, Florida on December 27, 1954.



## 42 | Judge Posey T. Kime

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Posey Kime was born in Petersburg, Indiana in 1896. He attended Purdue University's agriculture school for one year, taught school in North Dakota for a year, then worked in the automotive shops and steel mills in Northwest Indiana's Calumet region. In 1917, he enlisted in the United States Army and saw action in World War I with the 123rd Heavy Field Artillery, 33rd Division.

Upon his return from Europe, he entered Indiana University Law School, graduating as class president in 1922. He practiced in Evansville by himself and then formed the firm of Kime and Meyer with James H. Meyer of Decatur County.

In 1930, Judge Kime was elected to the Appellate Court of Indiana, serving from January 1, 1931 to September 1938. He was Chief Judge for the May 1933 and May 1936 terms.

Judge Kime was a Presbyterian, a 33rd Degree Mason, and a member of the Knights Templar, American Legion, Acacia social fraternity, and the Gamma Eta Gamma legal fraternity.

Following a four-month illness, Judge Kime died at the National Health Institute in Washington, D.C. on June 8, 1958.



## 43 | Judge Alphonso C. Wood

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Alphonso C. Wood graduated from Tri-State College in Angola, Indiana in 1895 and received his law degree from the University of Michigan in 1898.

Judge Wood was elected to the Court of Appeals of Indiana in 1930 and served on the Court for two terms, from January 1, 1931 to January 1, 1939. He was Chief Judge for the May 1932, November 1933, and November 1936 terms.

He was a Mason and a member of the Steuben County and Indiana State Bar Associations. He practiced law in Angola for 64 years.



## 44 | Judge William F. Dudine

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William Dudine was born in Dubois County, Indiana in 1896. He taught school for five years in Dubois County before serving in the United States Army during World War I. Upon returning from Europe, he enrolled in the law school of Catholic University in Washington, DC. Following graduation, he began practicing law in Jasper in 1922.

He served a term as prosecuting attorney for Dubois and Pike counties. In 1932, he was elected as a Democrat to the Appellate Court of Indiana and served from January 1, 1933 to January 1, 1941. He was Chief judge for two of the Court's terms – May 1935 and May 1938.

Following his tenure on the Appellate Court, he returned to Jasper. From 1954 to 1966, he served as circuit judge for Dubois and Martin counties.

During a trip to visit relatives, he died in St. Joseph Hospital in South Bend on September 27, 1971.





## 45 | Judge Ralph N. Smith

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Ralph N. Smith was born on June 9, 1877 in Huron County, Ohio. He graduated from Ohio Northern University at Ada in 1894 and from Valparaiso University's law program in 1896, the same year he married Olive McBride.

He was admitted to the bar in Illinois in 1896 and practiced in Morrison until March 1901, when he moved to LaPorte, Indiana. He served as prosecuting attorney in LaPorte from 1908 to 1913 and as county attorney of LaPorte County from 1923 to 1926. He was a member of the Democratic Party and politically active for much of his life.

Judge Smith was elected as a Democrat to the Appellate Court of Indiana in 1932, and served from January 1, 1933 until his death. He suffered a sudden fatal heart attack at home in Indianapolis on October 31, 1935.

Judge Smith's son Russell later also served on the Appellate Court of Indiana, from 1959 to 1961 and again from 1965 to 1968.



## 46 | Judge Fred A. Wiecking

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Frederick A. Wiecking was born in Bluffton, Indiana on August 15, 1892. During World War I he served as a Lieutenant at Camp Hancock, Georgia. He received his law degree from Indiana University in 1919 and did postgraduate work in Osnabruck, Germany. He was admitted to the bar in Wells County in 1920, the same year he married Marie White and practiced in the city of Bluffton for the next 12 years.

In 1932, Judge Wiecking moved to Hartford City to form the firm of Emshwiller and Wiecking.

Governor Harry G. Leslie appointed Judge Wiecking, a Democrat, as Assistant Attorney General of Indiana in 1933. In 1934, he graduated to the post of Public Counselor of Indiana following the resignation of Sherman Minton during Minton's successful run for the United States Senate.

At the time of his death, Judge Wiecking was an Ordinance Major on the staff of the Indiana National Guard. Active in American Legion activities, he was the Indiana State Commander in 1929. He was a member of the Elks, a former president of the Kiwanis Club, a member of the Bluffton Chamber of Commerce, the Masons, and Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity.

He died suddenly at age 43, on July 28, 1936, while playing golf at the Highland Golf and Country Club in Indianapolis.



## 47 | Judge Paul E. Laymon

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Paul E. Laymon was born in Michigantown, Clinton County, in 1899. Following his graduation from the Indiana University School of Law in 1921, he practiced in Frankfort. A Democrat, he was elected prosecuting attorney twice.

In 1930, he was elected judge of the Clinton Circuit Court. In September 1936, Governor Paul V. McNutt appointed Judge Laymon to the Appellate Court of Indiana to fill the unexpired term of Judge Fred Wiecking, who died in office.

Judge Laymon was elected as a Democrat to the Appellate Court in the fall of 1936 and served from September 11, 1936 until January 1, 1941. He ran for re-election in 1940 but was unsuccessful.

Judge Laymon was a member of the Clinton County Bar Association, the American Legion, the Forty and Eight, the Masons, the Elks, Delta Tau Delta fraternity, Gamma Eta Gamma law fraternity, and the Indiana Judicial Council. He and his wife Florence had one son, Fred Laymon, who practiced law in Los Angeles.

Judge Laymon died at his home near Indio, California on January 31, 1965. He is buried in Los Angeles.



## 48 | Judge A. Jewell Stevenson

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A. Jewell Stevenson was born in Hendricks County, Indiana on January 10, 1894. He attended Central Normal College in Danville, the Indiana State Normal College in Terre Haute, and, following military service during World War I, Indiana University in Bloomington. He was a schoolteacher for six years and was admitted to the Indiana bar in 1920. The same year, he began practicing in Danville with Edgar M. Blessing, who later also served on the Appellate Court.

In 1923, he married Josephine McCord; they had a daughter and a son. He was Hendricks County Democratic Chairman from 1924 to 1930. In 1930, he was elected to a six-year term on the Hendricks Circuit Court. Judge Stevenson was admitted to the bar of the United States Supreme Court in 1936, the same year he was appointed as Chief Deputy Attorney General of Indiana.

Governor Clifford Townsend appointed Mr. Stevenson to the Appellate Court of Indiana in October 1938 to serve the remainder of Judge Posey Kime's term. A month later, Judge Stevenson was elected to the Court as a Democrat; he served from October 14, 1938 to January 1, 1943.

Judge Stevenson was a member of the American, Indiana State, and Hendricks County Bar Associations, a trustee of the Indiana Boys School, and a member of the state Board of Education.

He died on August 22, 1959.



## 49 | Judge Huber M. DeVoss

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Huber DeVoss was born in Farmland, Randolph County, Indiana on October 16, 1879. In 1900, he became deputy county clerk. In 1902 he was admitted to the bar in Adams County and served as court reporter until 1917. In 1921, he was elected mayor of Decatur.

In 1933, he began a six-year term as judge of the Adams Circuit Court. Judge DeVoss was elected to the Appellate Court of Indiana where he served one term, from January 1, 1939 to January 1, 1943. He was Chief Judge for two of the court's terms, November 1939 and November 1941.

He died suddenly on June 2, 1944.



## 50 | Judge Edgar M. Blessing

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The son of a Civil War veteran, Edgar Marcus Blessing was born in Benton County on August 21, 1876. He grew up on farms near Boswell and Oxford, then moved with his parents as a young man to a farm near Pittsboro in Hendricks County. He taught school in Benton County, and graduated from the Indiana State Normal School in Terre Haute in 1899. For the next two years he was principal of the high school in Plainfield.

In 1901, he decided to attend law school at the University of Michigan, graduated in 1904, and was admitted to the bar in Hendricks County the same year. In 1906, he was elected Hendricks County prosecutor and served for two terms.

In 1921, Governor Warren McCray appointed him to the Indiana Public Service Commission, where he served until 1923. He moved to Washington, D.C. to become Solicitor of the Post Office Department until 1926, when he returned to Danville to resume a law practice he had created in 1920 with A. Jewell Stevenson, a future judge of the Appellate Court. He became a prominent attorney in Hendricks County during the 1930s.

He was a member of the American and Indiana State Bar Associations, the Sons of Veterans, and the Masons.

After an illness of two years, he died at home in Danville on June 20, 1945.



## 51 | Judge Dan C. Flanagan

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Dan Collins Flanagan was born on April 23, 1899 in Lafayette, where his father Dan Patrick Flanagan practiced law. He graduated from high school in Frankfort before enlisting in the Armed Services. During the First World War he served as a Sergeant in Field Artillery.

Upon his return to Indiana, he enrolled in Benjamin Harrison Law School, now the Indiana University School of Law-Indianapolis, graduating with honors. He practiced law in Frankfort, serving as Clinton County Deputy Prosecutor in 1921 and 1922. In 1924, he moved to Fort Wayne to join the firm of Heaton & Heaton. He was Deputy Prosecutor in Allen County in 1929 and 1930. In 1931, he joined the firm of Leonard, Rose, Flanagan & McCreevy; in 1934 formed Flanagan & Murphy; and in 1937, Flanagan & Bond. He married Mabelle Cass in Fort Wayne on October 5, 1925. Together they had one son, Dan C. Flanagan, Jr.

In 1949, Judge Flanagan returned to private practice until he was appointed to the Indiana Supreme Court in 1953 to fill a vacancy. He served on the Supreme Court until January 1955. Judge Flanagan was on the extension lecture staff of Valparaiso University Law College and on the permanent lecture staff of the University of Notre Dame. He also wrote several textbooks on law.

He was a member of the Allen County, Indiana State, and American Bar Associations. He was also a member of St. Patrick's Church, the Holy Name Society, the Knights of Columbus, and was President of the Ancient Order of Hibernians.

He died on February 28, 1960.



## 52 | Judge Charles H. Bedwell

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Charles Haddon Bedwell was born on March 18, 1884 in Dugger, Sullivan County. He received a bachelor's degree from Central Normal College in Danville and taught school in Sullivan County before earning a law degree from Indiana University in 1907. He practiced in Sullivan County, specializing in labor law.

In 1912, he ran as a Democrat for the Indiana House of Representatives and was elected, serving during the 1913 and 1915 sessions. He was Speaker during the 1915 session. He was a member of the Indiana Senate from 1934 to 1941, focusing on labor legislation, particularly workmen's compensation. He was a candidate for the U.S. House of Representatives from Indiana's 7th District in 1940.

Governor Henry Schricker appointed Senator Bedwell to the Appellate Court of Indiana on April 4, 1941 to replace Judge William H. Bridwell, also of Sullivan County, who died in office. Judge Bedwell ran unsuccessfully for a full term in 1942 and served on the Appellate Court until January 1, 1943.

Judge Bedwell was a member of the American Bar Association, the Elks, and the Freemasons.

He died in California on March 19, 1948.





## 53 | Judge Harry L. Crumpacker

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Harry L. Crumpacker, nephew of Appellate Court of Indiana Judge Edgar D. Crumpacker, was born in Valparaiso on May 6, 1881. He attended public school in LaPorte before enrolling at the University of Michigan, where he earned both his bachelor's and law degrees, the former in 1903 and the latter in 1905. He was admitted to practice law in LaPorte County in 1905 and opened a law office in Michigan City.

In 1907, he married Blanche Bosserman, with whom he had three children, John, Helen, and Marjorie. Blanche Crumpacker died in 1914. In Chicago in 1920, Judge Crumpacker married Mrs. Harriet Bray Manny, a Michigan City widow. Together they raised a third daughter.

Soon after his admission to the bar, Judge Crumpacker practiced with S.J. Crumpacker and later as a solo practitioner. He was City Attorney of Michigan City, a post from which he resigned to enter the race for LaPorte Superior Court judge in the fall of 1914. He was elected that year and re-elected to the office five more times. In 1935, he retired from the LaPorte bench and resumed his law practice.

He was a member of the Michigan City, LaPorte County, and Indiana State Bar Associations. He served as Vice-Chairman of the Indiana State Judicial Council and authored a two-volume book on Indiana Evidence.

In addition to his legal and judicial activities, Judge Crumpacker was deeply involved in the Michigan City community. He was a director of the Michigan City Trust & Savings Bank, a trustee and former president of the Michigan City Library Association, a director and former president of the Board of Advisors of St. Anthony's Hospital, and a director of the Michigan City Chamber of Commerce. He joined Masonic (Acme) Lodge No. 83 and the Elks Lodge. He

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belonged to the Pottawattomie Country Club, the First Methodist Episcopal Church, and later St. Andrew's Episcopal Church. He enjoyed fishing and golf.

Judge Crumpacker died at home in Michigan City on June 25, 1969 at the age of 88.



## 54 | Judge Paul F. Dowell

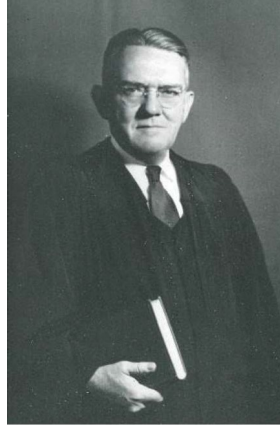
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Paul Dowell was born in Edinburg, Indiana on June 4, 1891, the son of a Pennsylvania Railroad superintendent who also served on the Madison City Council. Judge Dowell received his early schooling in Columbus and Madison before attending Hanover College. After graduating from Hanover in 1913 with a Bachelor of Arts, he obtained an LL.B. from the University of Minnesota, specializing in international law.

Following law school, he wrote editorials for the Pioneer Press newspaper in Minnesota before returning to Madison to practice law. He was Prosecuting Attorney for Jefferson and Switzerland counties from 1929 to 1932 and Madison City Attorney from 1935 to 1939. He also served on the Madison School Board. He married Anne Harper on February 1, 1922.

He was a member of Sigma Chi Fraternity, the Masonic Lodge, Order of the Eastern Star, the Shrine, Gattling Gun Club, the Elks and Moose lodges, the Knights of Pythias, the Columbia Club in Indianapolis, and the Indianapolis Press Club. He was also a member of the Methodist Church.

After a brief illness, he died on October 18, 1945 at Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis. He was 54 years old.



## 55 | Judge Floyd S. Draper

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Floyd Draper was born in Fulton, New York in 1893. He graduated from Valparaiso University Law School with honors in 1915. He and his wife Winnie had one son, John M. Draper.

He maintained a solo practice in Gary until 1922, when he formed a partnership with his brother Alfred. He became Lake County's Chief Deputy Prosecuting Attorney in 1923 and the Gary City Attorney in 1939.

In 1955, he resigned a year before his term on the Supreme Court ended to return to Gary to practice law with his ailing brother and to found the firm of Draper & Draper with his son. He retired from private practice in 1958, but in 1960, after Lake Criminal Court Judge William Murray died in office, Justice Draper came out of retirement to complete the final year of Judge Murray's term at the request of Governor Harold Handley.

Justice Draper was the first Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Indiana Judges Retirement Fund, an education counselor at Purdue University, and a director of the Gary Railways Company. He was a member of the Sigma Delta Kappa legal fraternity, the First Presbyterian Church of Gary and Merrillville, the Gary Masonic Lodge, the Indiana State and American Bar Associations, and a life member of the Gary Bar Association.

He and his wife retired to Bradenton, Florida in the 1960s. Winnie Draper passed away in 1976, and John Draper also preceded his father in death. Justice Draper died in Bradenton at age 86 on March 20, 1980.



## 56 | Judge Wilbur A. Royse

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Born in Indianapolis, Wilbur Royse attended St. Johns Parochial and High School, and studied for two years to become a Catholic priest at St. Meinrad's Seminary (in southern Indiana). He was editor of the *Indiana Catholic and Record*, the archdiocesan publication later known as the *Criterion*.

After leaving the seminary, Judge Royse worked for an insurance agency as an adjuster. In 1916, he married his wife, Mayme, with whom he later had one daughter. He received his law degree from the American Central Law School in Indianapolis. In 1927, he formed a partnership with Thomas McGee, then practiced solo beginning in 1931.

Judge Royse wrote and published pamphlets opposing communism “as an enemy of religion and natural law,”\* distributing his writings in schools and lecturing to groups on the subject.

Judge Royse was elected as a Republican to the Appellate Court of Indiana in 1942 and served on the Court for 16 years. He was considered a productive member of the court, writing an average of 29 opinions a year.

He is the only judge to serve as Chief Judge of the Appellate Court during six terms: the May 1943, May 1945, May 1948, May 1950, November 1952, and November 1955 sessions. He was defeated for re-election to the Appellate Court in 1958.

An active Republican, Judge Royse was also a member of St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church in Indianapolis, St. Joan's Holy Name Society, the Indiana and American Bar Associations, the Indianapolis Press Club, and the Knights of Columbus. His favorite hobby was fishing with his grandchildren.

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On June 13, 1962, he suffered a fatal heart attack in Republican Party headquarters in downtown Indianapolis's Claypool Hotel during preparations for the Republican state convention held the following day. He was 64 years old and campaigning for a fifth term on the Appellate Court.

*\*Indianapolis Star*, June 14, 1962.



## 57 | Judge Frank Hamilton

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Frank Hamilton was born near Clarksburg in Decatur County on April 2, 1883. He graduated from Clarksburg High School in 1900 and attended Butler University for one year before completing his degree at Indiana University. He received his law degree from the Indiana Law School (in Indianapolis) in 1905.

He was admitted to the bars of Decatur County and the Indiana Supreme Court in June 1905. He practiced law in Greensburg from 1905 to 1929, beginning with a year in the office of Tackett & Wilson, then, from 1907 to 1912 as the junior member of Ewing & Hamilton. In 1912 he formed his own firm with two partners, Osborn, Hamilton & Harding, later Osborn & Hamilton. He and John Osborn were then joined by Judge Hugh Wickens to form Wickens, Osborn & Hamilton, which later became Wickens & Hamilton. Judge Hamilton served as Decatur County Deputy Prosecuting Attorney from 1907 to 1909 and Greensburg's City Attorney from 1919 to 1929. He was Secretary of the Decatur County Republican Central Committee from 1910 to 1912.

In 1930, he moved to Terre Haute to practice law, first with Hamill, Hickey & Hamilton, then as a solo practitioner and with his son, William. While residing in Terre Haute, Judge Hamilton served on the Republican Board of Election Commissioners of Vigo County. He was Counsel for the School Board of Terre Haute for a year in 1944. In 1943, he was appointed First Deputy Attorney General under Attorney General James A. Emmert, who later became a member of the Indiana Supreme Court.

Judge Hamilton was elected as a Republican to the Appellate Court of Indiana and took his seat on January 1, 1945. He served one four-year term, including as Chief Judge for the May 1946 session. He was nominated by the Republican Party for re-election but was defeated in the 1948 general election.

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After leaving the Court, Judge Hamilton returned to Greensburg to practice law, specializing in appellate procedure. His son Frank joined the firm in 1951. Judge Hamilton was appointed to the Indiana Supreme Court Disciplinary Commission, where he served until his death.

Judge Hamilton was a member of the Clarksburg Masonic Lodge and the Greensburg Presbyterian Church. He was Past Exalted Ruler of the Elks Lodge at Greensburg and Past Chancellor of the Knights of Pythias Lodge No. 148.

After a brief illness, he died in Indianapolis on February 10, 1952 at the age of 68.





## 58 | Judge Donald E. Bowen

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Though based in Bloomington, he taught extension courses for the American Institute of Banking in Indianapolis from 1942 to 1944 and was director of the Indiana State Police Training School from 1944 to 1945. Also that year, 1944 to 1945, he directed a State Department program at IU to provide special courses to students from Colombia and Ecuador.

Judge Bowen was appointed to the Appellate Court of Indiana by Governor Ralph Gates on October 23, 1945 to fill the 14 months remaining in the term of Judge Paul Dowell, who passed away in office. Judge Bowen won election as a Republican to the court in 1946, 1950 and 1954, serving for more than 13 years. He was Chief Judge during the May 1947, May 1949, November 1951, May 1954, and November 1956 terms.

Following his service on the court, he entered private practice in Indianapolis as senior partner in the firm of Bowen, Myers, Northam & Soards, where he remained until his death. He was legislative counsel for the Indianapolis Power & Light Company and the Indiana-Michigan Electric Company. He represented General Electric, Westinghouse and the Otis Elevator Company in cases before the Indiana Public Service Commission. He served as a special legal counsel for Governor Harold Handley during the 1959 General Assembly. In 1959, as Executive Vice President of the Lincoln Foundation, he served on a special State Department mission to Japan.

Judge Bowen was a member of the Indiana State and American Bar Associations. He was also a member of the Columbia Club in Indianapolis, the Indiana Society of Chicago, the Newcomen Society of North America, and the North United Methodist Church. Judge Bowen died at home in Indianapolis in 1972 at the age of 64. He was survived by his widow, Jennie, and a son, William Bowen, of Indianapolis.

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## 59 | Judge Warren W. Martin

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In 1924, he began his public service career after his election as Warrick County Prosecutor, serving for two terms until 1928. From 1929 until 1934, he was Boonville City Attorney. For six years, Judge Martin served as Deputy Attorney General. Governor Henry F. Schricker appointed him Chairman of the Indiana Industrial Board in 1941, a post he held for the duration of World War II.

He ran for election to the Appellate Court of Indiana and served from January 1, 1949 to December 31, 1952. He was Chief Judge during the May 1951 term. He was unsuccessful in his bid for re-election in 1952.

Judge Martin returned to the State Industrial Board as a minority member from 1957 to 1961. From 1961 until his second election to the Appellate Court, he served as Public Counselor for the State Public Service Commission.

He was a member of the Indiana State Bar Association, the Masonic Lodge of Kentucky, the Indiana Democratic Club, and the Main Street Methodist Church of Boonville. Governor Matthew Welsh named him a Sagamore of the Wabash in 1961.

Judge Martin was elected again to the Appellate Court in 1964. He died after a heart attack in his home in Beech Grove on June 25, 1965, after serving just six months of his new term on the Court.

Judge Martin's first wife, Hester Landwehr Martin, died in 1936. He later married Elizabeth Gregory, who survived her husband, as did six sons and seven daughters.



## 60 | Judge Francis L. Wilttrout

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Judge Wilttrout was elected to the Appellate Court of Indiana in 1948 and served from January 1, 1949 until December 31, 1952. He was Chief Judge during the November 1950 term. During his time on the Court, he completed Judge Dan Flanagan's three-volume work, *Civil Trial and Appellate Practice*.

Judge Wilttrout, a member of the Indiana State Bar Association, served as President of the Elkhart County Bar Association. He was a member of the Elkhart Kiwanis Club, the American Legion, and the Amateur Radio Club.

Judge Wilttrout died in Elkhart on August 20, 1978 at the age of 71. He was survived by his wife, Margaret, and his three children, Roy, Ann, and Margaret.



## 61 | Judge Harold E. Achor

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He completed public school in Atwood, Indiana, and continued his education at Indiana Central College, from which he graduated in 1928. He earned a law degree at Indiana University in 1931.

Justice Achor began the practice of law in 1931, as a member of the firm of Achor & Peck in Anderson, Indiana. He continued in private practice until 1942, when he was elected Madison Superior Court Judge, where he served two terms. " In 1950, he was elected to the Indiana Appellate Court for a four-year term." He left his Indiana appellate court seat in 1955 to serve on the Indiana Supreme Court. Due to poor health, he resigned from the Indiana Supreme Court in 1966.

In addition to his legal career, Justice Achor also taught speech and political science at Anderson College from 1932 to 1937. He was also a member of the Board of Governors of the Associated Colleges of Indiana and served on the Board of Trustees of Anderson College.



## 62 | Judge Dewey Kelley

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A few months following his high school graduation, he enlisted in the United States Navy, serving at the U.S. Naval Air Station in Pauillac, France, during World War I. His two brothers enlisted in the U.S. Army; one survived gassing in the trenches and the other was killed in battle. Following his honorable discharge, Judge Kelley worked on construction of a concrete road from Richmond to Indianapolis and in the yards of the Pennsylvania Railroad at Bradford, Ohio.

Judge Kelley graduated from the Valparaiso University Law School in 1922, though he was admitted to the Wayne County Bar in 1921. He first practiced law in Frankfort, unsuccessfully by his own account, but in Frankfort met and married Roxie Yount on August 9, 1924. Together they moved to Kokomo, then to Whiting after he ran for Howard County Prosecutor and lost. He took a job with the firm of Fetterhoff & Ahlgren in Whiting.

While he and Roxie raised two daughters, Barbara and Betsy, Judge Kelley served as the attorney for the Whiting School Board and as president of the Whiting Bar Association. Beginning in 1940, he was a member of the Advisory Board for Registrants in the U.S. Selective Service System, and during World War II, he was appointed to the War Price Control and Rationing Program and as chairman of the Whiting office of Price Administration. In addition, he was elected judge of the Whiting City Court in 1942, a post he held until January 1, 1948.

In 1952, Judge Kelley was elected to the Appellate Court of Indiana. He won re-election in 1956 and 1960 and served on the Court until December 31, 1964. He was Chief Judge in the November 1954, November 1957, May 1958, and May 1962 terms. He ran unsuccessfully for re-election in 1964.

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Judge Kelley was a member of the American, Indiana State, Whiting and Hammond bar associations, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the American Legion, Veterans of World War I, Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity, Whiting Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, the Ancient Accepted Lodge of Perfection of the Scottish Rite, the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, the Loyal Order of Moose, and the Indiana Recording Club. He was both a Sagamore of the Wabash and a Kentucky Colonel.



## 63 | Judge John A. Kendall

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John A. Kendall was born in 1907 in Hendricks County. He received his LL.B. degree from Indiana University School of Law in 1931 and was admitted to practice before the Supreme Court of Indiana the same year. He received a J.D. from Indiana University in 1951.

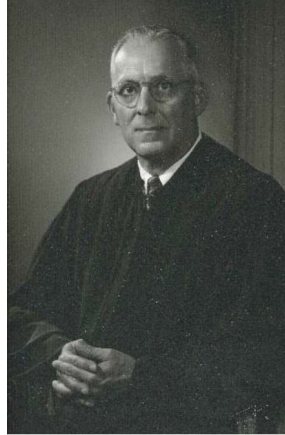
He practiced law in Hendricks County and was elected county prosecutor in 1932, serving until early 1939. He lived in Danville with his wife, Virginia Mattern Kendall, and their children, Richard and Ann.

He was elected to the Indiana House of Representatives in 1941, and in 1943 to the Indiana Senate, winning re-election in 1949. He was Chairman of the Senate Budget Committee for five years.

In 1952, while serving as Hendricks County Republican Chairman, Judge Kendall was elected to the Appellate Court of Indiana and served from January 1, 1953 to December 31, 1956. He was Chief Judge during the May 1953 and May 1956 terms.

Judge Kendall, a former chairman of the Indiana Toll Road Commission, was also a member of the Indiana State Police Board and a past president of the Indiana State Bar Association. He was a member of the Danville Friends Meeting, the Masonic Lodge, Knights Templar, Scottish Rite, the Lions Club, and Sigma Delta Kappa. He was twice given the honor of Sagamore of the Wabash.

Judge Kendall retired in 1987 after a 56-year legal career. He died in Greencastle on May 1, 1993.



## 64 | Judge John W. Pfaff

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John W. Pfaff was born in Marietta, Ohio in 1900 and moved with his family to Indiana in his youth. He graduated from Hanover College in 1926 and from Indiana Law School (in Indianapolis) in 1929. He began a general practice of law in South Bend and served on the staff of the U.S. District Attorney.

Judge Pfaff was first elected to the Appellate Court of Indiana in 1954 and served three nonconsecutive terms: from January 1, 1955 to December 31, 1958; from January 1, 1961 to December 31, 1964; and from January 1, 1967 to December 31, 1970. He served as Chief Judge of the Appellate Court during the May 1955, May 1961, and May 1967 terms and during the year 1969.

Judge Pfaff was a member of the Indiana State and St. Joseph County bar associations, a past master of the Free and Accepted Masons in Portage, a 32nd Degree Mason, and a member of Beta Theta Pi fraternity, the Scottish Rite, Murat Temple Shrine, the Kiwanis Club, Ridgedale Presbyterian Church, and was active in the Community Chest, the Red Cross, and the Boy Scouts.

He died on February 27, 1977 at the age of 76. He was survived by his widow, Odessa, and their two sons, John and Robert.





## 65 | Judge James C. Cooper

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James C. Cooper graduated from Technical High School in Indianapolis. He received his law degrees from the Benjamin Harrison Law School and the Indiana Law School (in Indianapolis).

Judge Cooper was Rush County Prosecutor from 1940 to 1947. He was appointed the State Public Defender on October 15, 1947, a post he held for 11 years. During his tenure, he was named Outstanding Public Defender of the United States.

Judge Cooper, a Rushville Republican, was first elected to the Appellate Court of Indiana in 1956 and re-elected in 1960. He served from 1957 to 1964 and again from 1967 to 1970. He was Chief Judge during the November 1958 and November 1962 terms. In 1964, Judge Cooper ran unsuccessfully for a seat on the Indiana Supreme Court.

At the time of his death, Judge Cooper was best known as the author of a landmark 1968 appellate decision on gubernatorial powers. *Metropolitan Transit Authority v. State of Indiana* stated that a governor does not have pocket veto power over bills passed by the Indiana General Assembly.

Judge Cooper was a member of the Murat Temple (Masons), the Tall Cedars of Lebanon, and a past governor of the Moose Lodge.

He died in office on September 13, 1970 at the age of 67. He was survived by a son, James C. Cooper, Jr.



## 66 | Judge John R. Ax

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John Ax was born in Greene County in 1915. He graduated from Indiana University School of Law. He was an attorney in DuBois and Greene counties and argued cases before the Indiana and federal courts and the United States Supreme Court.

Judge Ax was elected as a Democrat to the Appellate Court of Indiana in 1958 and served one term, from January 1, 1959 to December 31, 1962, including as Chief Judge during the November 1960 session. In 1962, he was defeated in a bid for the Indiana Supreme Court. He also unsuccessfully sought the Democratic nomination for Lieutenant Governor in 1964, the same year he was named a U.S. Commissioner at the Crane Naval Ammunition Depot. Governor Roger Branigin appointed him to the Indiana Stream Pollution Control Board, where he served from 1965 to 1969.

In addition to his public service, Judge Ax had several business interests, including part owner of radio stations in Dubois County, Clay County, and in Danville, IL; had interests in coal strip mines in Indiana and Kentucky and a furniture factory in Spencer County; and owned farms in Knox, Greene, Clay and Sullivan counties.

Judge Ax was a president of the Huntingburg School Board, attorney for the Linton-Stockton School Corporation, city attorney for both the Huntingburg and Linton communities, and secretary of Huntingburg Chamber of Commerce. He belonged to the Greene County, Indiana State and American bar associations, the Elks Lodge, Moose Lodge, and the Linton Kiwanis and Rotary clubs. He was a member of Beta Gamma Sigma fraternity on and the board of the Aeons and Sphinx Club. He was awarded a Sagamore of the Wabash. He died on September 1, 1984 at the age of 69. He was survived by his wife Kathryn, daughters Toni and Kay, and sons John and Michael.

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## 67 | Judge G. Remy Bierly

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G. Remy Bierly spent most of his professional life in Decatur, teaching school and practicing law in Adams County. After retiring from teaching, he was elected Clerk of the Adams Circuit Court and later as Adams County Prosecutor. He also served three terms in as a representative in the Indiana General Assembly.

A Democrat, Judge Bierly was first elected to the Appellate Court of Indiana in 1958 and served two non-consecutive terms, from January 1, 1959 to December 31, 1962 and again from January 1, 1965 to December 31, 1968. He was Chief Judge during the May 1960 and May 1965 terms.

Judge Bierly was president of the Adams County Bar Association. He belonged to St. Mary's Catholic Church in Decatur and the Knights of Columbus. Upon his retirement from the Appellate Court, Judge Bierly returned to Adams County and practiced law with Richard J. Sullivan.

On September 7, 1969, while representing a client at an estate sale at a barn in Geneva, Judge Bierly fell and suffered a head injury. He died in Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne six weeks later on October 24, 1969. He was survived by his wife Florence, two sons and three daughters.



## 68 | Judge John S. Gonas

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John S. Gonas was born May 14, 1907 in Crossfork, Pennsylvania. He served in the Indiana House of Representatives from 1936 to 1938 and in the Indiana Senate from 1940 to 1948. He was judge of the St. Joseph County Juvenile and Probate Court from 1948 to 1958.

Judge Gonas was elected as a South Bend Democrat to the Appellate Court of Indiana in 1958, serving one term from January 1, 1959 to December 31, 1962. He served as Chief Judge in the May 1959 session.

In the course of his political career he was also a candidate for U.S. Representative, Governor of Indiana, Indiana Lieutenant Governor, and other posts. He was a member of the American Bar Association and the American Trial Lawyers Association.

Judge Gonas died in Fairhope, Alabama in 1994 at the age of 86, with services at St. James Catholic Church there. He was survived by his sons, John, Jr. and Roy.



## 69 | Judge Walter Myers, Jr.

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Walter Myers, Jr. was born in Indianapolis on June 9, 1914, the son of a prominent Indianapolis lawyer, General Assembly Speaker, and Assistant U.S. Postmaster. Walter, Jr. earned his bachelor's degree from Yale University in 1935 and graduated from Yale's law school in 1938.

A life-long Democrat, Judge Myers became a precinct committeeman and ward chairman and was a nominee for Judge of the Marion Superior and Circuit Courts. He was a Deputy Prosecuting Attorney in Marion County as well as an attorney for the Board of Sanitary Commissioners. He married Jane Weldon Kinghan on November 25, 1952 and together they raised two sons, Dennis and John.

Judge Myers was elected as a Democrat to the Indiana Appellate Court in 1958, serving from January 1, 1959 to December 31, 1962. He was Chief Judge during the November 1959 term. He left the Appellate Court upon his election to the Indiana Supreme Court in 1962. He served on the Supreme Court from 1963 until his death in 1967.

Justice Myers was a member of the Pentalpha Masonic Lodge, the Scottish Rite, the Murat Shrine, Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity, and the Second Presbyterian Church. He was a past president of the Board of Managers of the YMCA Central Branch in Indianapolis, a board member and former president of the Marion County Tuberculosis Association, and a member of the board of Indianapolis's Suemma Coleman Home, promoting adoption.

He was a long-time chairman of the Indianapolis Yale Club. He remained active in the Indianapolis, Indiana State and American bar associations and lectured in business law at Butler University. Following a six-week illness, he died in Indianapolis on June 2, 1967.

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## 70 | Judge John M. Ryan

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John M. Ryan was born in 1920 in Pennsylvania. He served in the United States Navy during World War II as a flight instructor. He received his undergraduate degree from the University of Notre Dame and received his law degree from Indiana University School of Law.

Judge Ryan served as the City Prosecutor for the City of Indianapolis from 1951 to 1955. He was appointed Marion County Superior Court Judge by Governor George N. Craig and served in that position from 1955 until 1959.

In March 1959, Governor Harold H. Handley appointed Judge Ryan, along with Judge Russell Smith, to the Appellate Court of Indiana to fill two newly created Appellate Court judicial posts. In 1960, Judge Ryan was re-elected to a four-year term on the Appellate Court. Judge Ryan served on the Appellate Court from March 16, 1959 to December 31, 1964. He served as Chief Judge during the November 1961 term.

Judge Ryan also served as a state senator from 1968 to 1972 and as Parliamentarian of the Indiana Senate from 1974 to 1980. From 1980 to 1984 he served as special counsel for the Honorable Robert D. Orr, Governor of Indiana. Judge Ryan became the Marion County Circuit Court Judge in 1984 and remained in that position until 1992.

Judge Ryan died on July 7, 2006. He was survived by his wife and two children.



## 71 | Judge Russell W. Smith

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Russell W. Smith, the son of Appellate Court judge Ralph Smith and with his father the only father and son to serve on the Appellate Court, was born in 1898 in Morrison, Illinois. In 1901, his family moved to LaPorte. He attended Indiana University for one year before joining the United States Army, serving during World War I. Following his military service, he earned both his undergraduate and law degrees from the University of Michigan. For two years following his graduation, he joined his father's law office.

He was elected to the Indiana House of Representatives in 1926 and served LaPorte and Starke counties in the General Assembly from 1927 to 1932. He was also elected to the LaPorte Superior Court, serving from 1935 to 1943, and in 1950, he became the attorney for the Indiana Legislative Bureau.

In 1959, the Indiana General Assembly created two additional seats on the Appellate Court, for a total of eight. On March 11, 1959, Governor Harold Handley appointed Judge Smith, a Democrat, and Judge John M. Ryan, a Republican, to fill the new seats, and they began their work five days later, on March 16th.

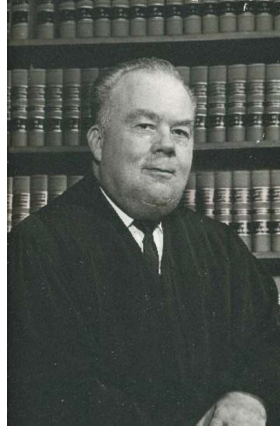
Judge Smith served on the Court until 1961, then served as a director of the Indiana Public Service Commission and the Indiana Legislative Bureau. In November 1964, he won election to the Appellate Court and served a second term, from January 1, 1965 to December 31, 1968. He was Chief Judge during the May 1966 term.

Upon his departure from the appellate bench, he was appointed to serve as the Appellate Court's first Commissioner-Administrator in 1969.

He was a member of the LaPorte County, Indiana State and American Bar Associations, the Indiana Judges Association, Phi Alpha Delta legal fraternity, and the National Conference of Commissioners of Uniform State Laws. He was also a member of the American Legion, Phi Gamma Delta social fraternity, and First Friends Church of Indianapolis. He was the first president of the Indiana Young Democrats of LaPorte County and a past president of the Indianapolis branch of Torch Club International.

He died on October 6, 1970 at the age of 72, survived by his wife, LaVeta, known as Peg, and a step-daughter, Emma.





## 72 | Judge Joseph O. Carson

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Joseph O. Carson was born in 1909 in Indianapolis. He received his undergraduate degree from Indiana University in 1930 and his law degree from Indiana University School of Law Bloomington in 1932. He was admitted to practice before the Indiana Supreme Court in 1932 and worked in private practice from 1932 to 1942.

During World War II, Judge Carson served in the U.S. Army Air Corps in the Judge Advocate's Division. He remained in the reserves following the war, retiring as a Lieutenant Colonel. When he returned to Indiana after the war, he opened a firm in North Vernon and practiced law there from 1947 to 1963. He was North Vernon city judge when nominated by his party for the Appellate Court of Indiana.

Judge Carson was elected as a Republican to the Appellate Court of Indiana in 1962 and served for eight years. He was Chief Judge during the November 1963 and November 1967 terms and the year 1968. Upon leaving the Appellate Court, Judge Carson served on the Jennings Circuit Court from 1973 to 1978. From 1979 until his retirement, he returned to private practice in North Vernon.

Judge Carson was a member of the North Vernon Presbyterian Church, the North Vernon Masonic Lodge, the Scottish Rite of Indianapolis, and Gamma Eta Gamma legal fraternity. He served as president and secretary of the Jennings-Scott County Bar Association and was a member of the Indiana State and American Bar Associations and the Indiana Judges Association.

He died on November 14, 1998 at the age of 89. He was survived by his wife, Elizabeth Chastain Carson, and two daughters, Sarah Gierzynski and Olga Pelance.

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## 73 | Judge French Clements

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French Clements was born on August 4, 1894 in Cynthiana, the son of a Posey County Circuit Court judge. He attended school in Posey County before attending Indiana State Normal College at Terre Haute, now Indiana State University.

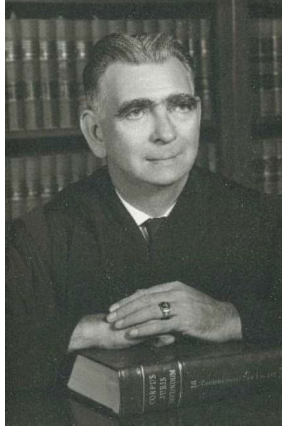
He taught school for three years, then served in the United States Navy during World War I. Following the war, he received his law degree at Northwestern University and began practicing law in Evansville in 1921.

He was elected to the Indiana House of Representatives in 1924 and 1926 and to the Indiana Senate in 1928 and 1930. He also served in the Senate during the 1932 special session. A member of the Evansville Zoning Board, he ran unsuccessfully for the U.S. Congress in the 1930s. He was Assistant Evansville City Attorney from 1940 to 1944 and, from 1952 to 1960, judge of the Vanderburgh Probate Court.

Judge Clements was a member of the Presbyterian Church, the American Legion, the Masonic and Elks lodges, and the Vanderburgh County Bar Association.

He was elected as a Republican to the Appellate Court of Indiana in 1962 and began his service on January 1, 1963. He became ill in November of that year, and announced his resignation from the Appellate Court within days.

He died of lung cancer in Evansville on December 19, 1963, just three days after his resignation became official. He was survived by his wife, Ruth, and son, French Clements, Jr.



## 74 | Judge Donald H. Hunter

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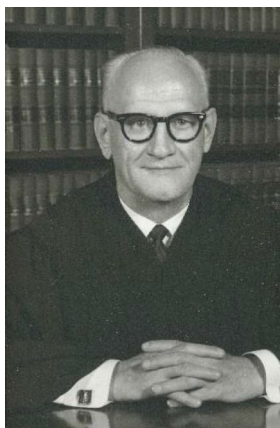
Donald Hunter, a native of Anderson, graduated in 1937 from the Lincoln Law School in Indianapolis.

From 1937 until 1948, he worked in private practice in La Grange. He was elected to represent Madison County in the Indiana House of Representatives in 1942. From 1943 to 1946, he served in the Army infantry in World War II in Europe. He was awarded a Bronze Star for bravery and a Purple Heart. In 1944, he was furloughed to return home for a special legislative session.

After the war, Judge Hunter served on the LaGrange Circuit Court from 1948 until 1962. He was elected to the Indiana Appellate Court in 1962, serving from 1963 until 1966. He was Chief Judge in the May 1964 term.

In 1966 he was elected to the Indiana Supreme Court where he served from 1967 to 1985. Justice Hunter served on the Indiana Constitutional Revision Commission. He was a member of the Madison and LaGrange County bar associations, the Indiana Trial Lawyers Association, and the First United Methodist Church in Anderson. Governor Otis Bowen named him a Sagamore of the Wabash.

He died on October 27, 1991 at the age of 80. He was survived by his wife Violet, daughter Jean, and son Samuel.



## 75 | Judge Donald R. Mote

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Donald R. Mote was born on a farm in Randolph County on April 27, 1900. He attended DePauw University, then transferred to Wabash College, where he played football and earned his undergraduate degree. He received his law degree from the George Washington University School of Law in Washington, DC.

While in law school, he worked for U.S. Secretary of Commerce Herbert Hoover and for the Department of Justice. Once he earned his degree, he practiced in Indianapolis for 10 years, where he became active in Republican politics as a precinct committeeman. He also served as a Deputy Indiana Attorney General.

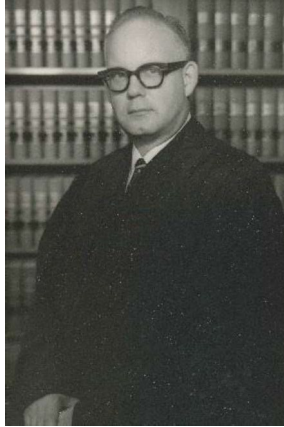
He moved to North Manchester in Wabash County in 1937, then to the town of Wabash in 1958. He served as Wabash County attorney and as the chairman of the Wabash County Republican Finance Committee. In 1960, he was an alternate delegate to the Republican National Convention.

Judge Mote was elected as a Republican to the Appellate Court of Indiana in 1962 and served until his election to the Indiana Supreme Court in 1966. He was Chief Judge of the Appellate Court during the May 1963 term.

A former president of the Wabash County Bar Association, he was also a member of the Indiana State Bar Association, the Indiana Judges Association, and Phi Delta Phi legal fraternity. He served as president of the North Manchester Kiwanis Club, was a director of the Wabash Country Club, a president of the Indianapolis Association of Wabash Men, a member of the Board of Directors of the Little Red Door in Indianapolis, a trustee and member of the Wabash Presbyterian Church, and a member of the North Manchester Masonic Lodge, the Fort Wayne Valley of the Scottish Rite, the Mizpah Shrine at Fort

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Wayne, the Wabash County Lincoln Club, Delta Tau Delta fraternity, the Indiana Society of Chicago, the Wabash Elks Club, the Wabash Historical Society and the Wabash Rotary Club. Justice Mote died in office on September 17, 1968. He was survived by his widow Flora Hunter Mote, and their daughter Virginia and son Thomas.



## 76 | Judge Thomas J. Faulconer

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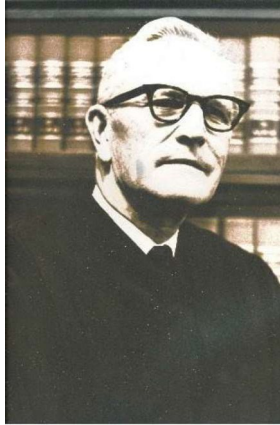
Thomas Faulconer, a lifelong Indianapolis resident, graduated from Shortridge High School and Butler University. He received his law degree from Valparaiso University School of Law.

Judge Faulconer began his career as an Indiana Deputy Attorney General and a Marion County deputy prosecutor. In 1958, at the age of 35, he won election to the Criminal Court of Marion County. At his first jury trial in 1959, he surprised colleagues and the bar by allowing television and still cameras to cover the murder trial of Connie Nicholas, accused of killing Forrest Teel, a top Eli Lilly executive. The case received national attention. Judge Faulconer remained a proponent of camera-coverage of trial courts for the rest of his career.

Governor Matthew Welsh appointed Judge Faulconer to the Appellate Court of Indiana on December 23, 1963 to finish the term of Judge French Clements, who died in office. In November 1964, he won election to the Appellate Court as a Democrat and served a second term, from January 1, 1965 to December 31, 1968. He served as Chief Judge during the November 1964 term. In 1971, after leaving the Appellate Court of Indiana, Judge Faulconer was named the first full-time federal magistrate in Indiana and served in that capacity until 1985. In 1973 he was named Chief Magistrate. During his nearly 25-year career as a jurist for the Criminal Court of Marion County, the Appellate Court of Indiana, and later as a federal magistrate,

Judge Faulconer presided over more than 12,000 cases. Judge Faulconer is remembered in legal circles for his dissenting opinion in *Metropolitan Transit Authority v. State of Indiana*, in which the Court held that a governor does not have pocket-veto power over bills passed by the Indiana General Assembly. Judge Faulconer died in January 2005.

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## 77 | Judge George H. Prime

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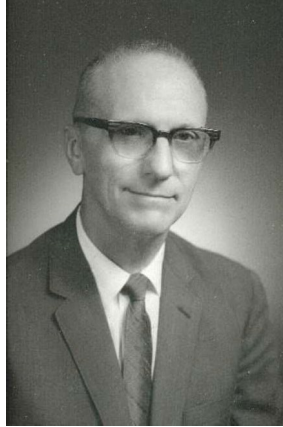
George H. Prime graduated from Hanover College in 1927 and Indiana Law School (in Indianapolis) in 1931.

He was an attorney in private practice for many years, including for the Home Owners Loan Corporation and the Indiana Department of Financial Institutions. He was a title attorney for the U.S. Department of Agriculture and served in the Office of Price Administration.

Judge Prime was elected as a Democrat to the Appellate Court of Indiana in 1964. He was Chief Judge of the Court for the November 1965 term.

He was a founder and director of the First Indiana National Bank of Scottsburg. He received a Sagamore of the Wabash in 1964 from Governor Matthew Welsh and an alumni achievement award from Hanover College in 1966. He was president of the Hanover Alumni Association.

Judge Prime died in Scottsburg on January 23, 1990 at the age of 85. His wife, Elizabeth Kihler Prime, preceded him in death. Judge Prime was survived by his sons, Morton and William.



## 78 | Judge Hubert E. Wickens

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Hubert E. Wickens was born on December 7, 1908. He graduated from Greensburg High School in 1927 and from Indiana Law School (in Indianapolis) in 1930, the same year he was admitted to the Indiana bar. He began practicing law in Greensburg with his father, Hugh, who had been judge of the Decatur-Bartholomew Circuit Court. In 1934, he married Kathryn Hellmich, who died in 1946.

In 1948, he married Bernice Wilke in Greensburg, and together they raised two sons and four daughters.

After two terms as Decatur County prosecutor, he was elected to the Indiana Senate in 1934 and served Decatur, Bartholomew, Franklin, and Union counties in the Senate from 1935 to 1939. He was Decatur County Democratic Chairman in 1935. He was admitted to practice before the U.S. Supreme Court in 1942. In 1944, he ran unsuccessfully as a Democrat for Indiana Attorney General.

A Democrat, Judge Wickens was appointed by Governor Roger D. Branigin to the Appellate Court of Indiana on August 1, 1965 to finish the term of Judge Warren W. Martin, who died just six months into his second term on the Court. Judge Wickens served as Chief Judge during the November 1966 term.

Following his service on the Appellate Court, he returned to Decatur County and entered practice with his sons, Don H. Wickens and W. Michael Wilke, in Greensburg. He was a president of the Greensburg Chamber of Commerce and a chairman of the Decatur County Red Cross. In 1935, he was Grand Knight of the Greensburg Knights of Columbus. For 10 years he was president of the Decatur County National Bank, and retired from its board of directors in 1973. In 1957, he joined the board of the newly-created Decatur County

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United Fund, serving as the group's first secretary. He was a member of the Elk's Lodge, Sigma Delta Kappa legal fraternity, and St. Mary's Catholic Church in Decatur. He was a member of the American College of Trial Lawyers and the Decatur County and American Bar Associations, He was also a member of the Board of Managers of the Indiana State Bar Association and a past chairman of the state bar's House of Delegates. He was a member of the Indiana Judicial Nominating Committee.

Judge Wickens died on April 23, 1979 at the age of 70. He was survived by his wife and children.



## 79 | Judge Charles W. Cook

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Charles W. Cook graduated from Shortridge High School in 1923 and received his bachelor of laws degree from Indiana Law School (in Indianapolis) in 1929. During law school he served as a judicial law clerk for Judge Willis C. McMahan and Judge Charles Remy of the Appellate Court of Indiana.

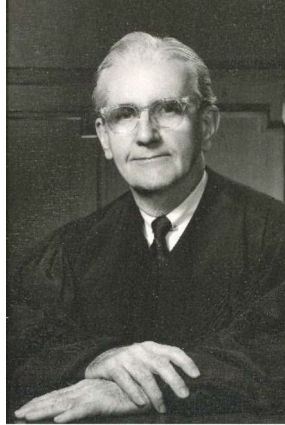
He began his law career with the firm of Bingham Mendenhall & Bingham, and in 1939 became a member of Bingham Cook & Bingham, where he practiced until 1949. In 1949, he became senior partner in Cook & Mendenhall.

From 1952 to 1959, he was general counsel of the Indiana Toll Road Commission. He was executive director of the commission from 1959 to 1961.

Judge Cook was elected as a Republican to the Appellate Court of Indiana in 1966. He served on the court from January 1967 until his death in November 1968.

He was a delegate to the Republican National Convention in 1960 and was named both a Sagamore of the Wabash and a Kentucky Colonel. He was a member of the Salvation Army's advisory board, the Indianapolis Athletic Club, the Columbia Club, the Elks Lodge, the YMCA, Delta Theta Phi legal fraternity, and the American, Indiana State and Indianapolis Bar Associations.

He died on November 21, 1968 in Indianapolis. He was survived by his wife, Gene, and sons, James and Michael.



## 80 | Judge Charles S. White

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Charles S. White graduated from DePauw University and the former Voorhees Law School in Terre Haute. He also received a law degree from Indiana Law School (in Indianapolis). In 1938, he ran for Parke County Prosecutor. During World War II, he served in the Army Intelligence Corps.

Judge White was a public defender, an Assistant U.S. Attorney, chief counsel for Indiana Attorney General John J. Dillon, and as a Marion County criminal court judge. He was a partner at White Maines & Mullen and at White & Saddler, both in Indianapolis

. Governor Roger Branigin appointed Judge White to the Appellate Court of Indiana to complete the term of Judge Charles W. Cook, who died in office. Judge White took his seat on December 17, 1968 and served until his retirement from the court on June 30, 1978.

Judge White was a member of the Indianapolis, Indiana State, and American Bar Associations, the Rosedale Masonic Lodge, the Indianapolis Jazz Club, the Indiana Historical Society, and All Souls Unitarian Church.

He died on February 25, 1986 in Indianapolis at the age of 77. He was survived by his wife, Elizabeth Hurt White, and two daughters, Emilie and Suzan.



## 81 | Judge George B. Hoffman, Jr.

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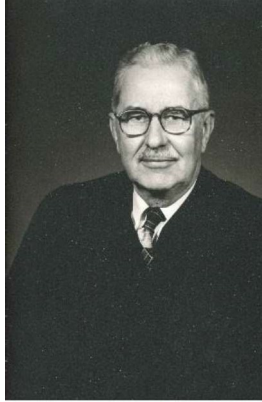
George B. Hoffman, Jr. was elected to the Appellate Court in 1968 and retained on the Court of Appeals in 1972, 1982 and 1992. He retired from the Court of Appeals on October 3, 1998 and served as a Senior Judge until his death on December 25, 2009.

Judge Hoffman graduated from the Hammond, Indiana public school system and served four and one-half years in the United States Army. He was a combat infantryman and received the Purple Heart. He attended Muskingum College and Valparaiso University where he received his J.D. degree in 1951. He engaged in the general practice of law in Hammond from 1951 to 1969 with the law firms of Bomberger, Morthland & Royce, Royce & Hoffman, and Hoffman & Huebner.

He served as President of the Hammond Bar Association and helped organize the Hammond Legal Aid Organization. He was active in the Boy Scouts of America, American Red Cross, YMCA, and coached Little League football and basketball. He was the recipient of various awards from the Hammond Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Judge Hoffman served as Presiding Justice of the Appellate Court for the 1970 term, Chief Justice for the 1972 term, and was the first Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals from 1972 to 1975. As Chief Judge, he initiated the Court's now routine program of taking appellate oral arguments from Indianapolis to law schools, universities, high schools, and county courts across the state. He was the Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Judges Retirement System; a member of the Executive Committee of the Indiana Judicial Center, which he helped establish; a member of the Code of Revenue Commission of Indiana; and has been a faculty member at appellate seminars.

Judge Hoffman served as a guest lecturer at the University of Wisconsin-Stout, keynote speaker for the 52nd Annual Convention of the Indiana State Council of Carpenters, and addressed many associations and service clubs. He was a member of the Indiana Judges Association, the Indiana Bar Association, the Indianapolis Bar Association, and the American Bar Association.



## 82 | Judge Joe W. Lowdermilk

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Joe W. Lowdermilk, a native of Sullivan, graduated from Sullivan High School in 1928 and from Indiana Law School (in Indianapolis) in 1934. He was admitted to the Indiana Bar in July 1934.

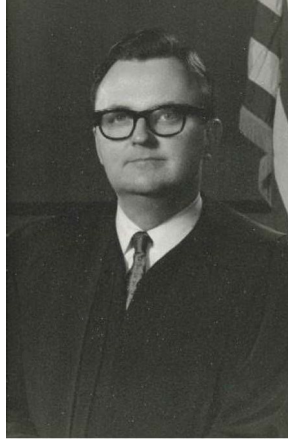
He practiced law in Sullivan County and was elected to two terms as Sullivan County Prosecutor, from 1943 to 1947. He was elected to the Sullivan Circuit Court in 1954, and served on the court from 1955 until 1967.

Judge Lowdermilk was elected as a Republican to the Appellate Court of Indiana in November 1968 and took his seat on January 1, 1969. He was Chief Judge during the 1970 term. In 1971, under a new amendment to the Indiana Constitution, the Appellate Court became the Court of Appeals of Indiana, and in 1972, Judge Lowdermilk was retained on the court by election for a ten-year term. He retired in 1979.

Following his retirement, he served the Sullivan Circuit Court on occasion as a Judge Pro Tempore. He also operated a 566-acre stock and grain farm in Sullivan County.

Judge Lowdermilk was a member of the Indiana State Bar Association, president of the Indiana Judges Association, and president of the Sullivan County Bar Association. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge, the Elks Lodge, and the First Presbyterian Church in Sullivan. He was awarded a Sagamore of the Wabash.

He died on August 18, 1982, when the tractor he was using to mow weeds at his sister's farm struck a hole, knocking him under a wheel of the vehicle. He was survived by his wife, Gladys Usrey Pinkston, and three sons, James, Jon, and Joe.



## 83 | Judge Allen Sharp

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Allen Sharp was born in Washington D.C. on February 11, 1932 and moved to Indiana as an infant. He spent part of his boyhood in Oklahoma and Texas, where his father was stationed in World War II. Shortly after the war his family returned to Indiana, and in 1950 he graduated from Van Buren High School in Brown County. He began his collegiate studies at Indiana State Teachers College, now Indiana State University, where he was president of the student council and participated in debate. He transferred to George Washington University in Washington, D.C. and received his undergraduate degree in 1954. He received his law degree from Indiana University School of Law - Bloomington in 1957.

Judge Sharp enlisted in the United States Air Force Reserve on May 1, 1957 and served until 1984 in the Judge Advocate Department based at Grissom Air Force Base, near Kokomo. He was called to active duty during the Cuban Missile Crisis in October 1962. He retired from the Reserve with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

He practiced law in Williamsport from 1957 to 1968. He was elected as a Republican to the Appellate Court of Indiana and began his work on January 1, 1969. In 1971, under a new amendment to the Indiana Constitution, the Appellate Court became the Court of Appeals of Indiana, and in 1972, Judge Sharp was retained on the court by election for a ten-year term.

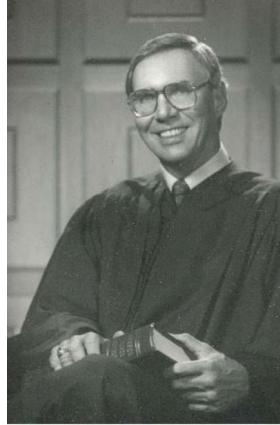
President Richard M. Nixon, however, appointed Judge Sharp to the United States District Court for Northern District of Indiana in 1973. He resigned from the Court of Appeals to take his seat on the District Court on November 1, 1973.

Judge Sharp was a member of the Indiana Judges Association, the Seventh Circuit Federal Bar Association, the Williamsport Christian Church, and many civic organizations. In 1962, he served on the Platform Committee at the Republican State Convention. He received an honorary Doctor of Civil Laws degree from Indiana State University in 1979. He was an adjunct professor of history at Butler University, Indiana University South Bend, and Milligan College in Tennessee, where he also served on the Board of Advisors.

Judge Sharp was the author of several historical articles, including: *Justices Seeking the Presidency and Presidents as Supreme Court Advocates*, both published by the U.S. Supreme Court Historical Society, and “Benjamin Harrison: High Priced Counsel” published in *America’s Lawyer Presidents*.

Judge Sharp died on July 10, 2009, survived by two daughters.





## 84 | Judge Patrick D. Sullivan

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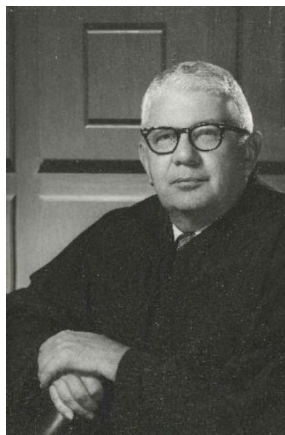
Patrick D. Sullivan was elected to the Appellate Court of Indiana in 1968 and, after it was redesignated the Court of Appeals of Indiana, retained on the Court by election in 1972, 1982, 1992 and 2002. He retired on July 31, 2007 and served as a senior judge of the Court until his death on Oct. 1, 2015. At the time of his death, Judge Sullivan was the longest-serving judge in Court of the Appeals history and the last sitting member to be popularly elected to the Court prior to the advent of the retention selection system.

Judge Sullivan was born in Huntington, Indiana and served for two years in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War. He received a BA in history from Washington & Lee University in Lexington, Virginia in 1956 and his law degree, *cum laude* from Washington and Lee's school in 1958.

Following law school, Judge Sullivan returned to Indiana and served as a Deputy Attorney General from 1958 to 1961. From 1961 to 1965, he engaged in the private practice of law with Minton, Mosiman, Sullivan & Johnson in Indianapolis. He was a Senior Commissioner with the Marion County Probate Court from 1963 to 1964 and a judge on the Marion County Civil Trial Court from 1965 to 1969.

During his tenure on the Court of Appeals, Judge Sullivan served on the Supreme Court Advisory Committee on Rules of Practice & Procedure (1975-1980), as an Adjunct Professor at Indiana University School of Law - Indianapolis, as a Lecturer on law and social policy at Indiana University Purdue University at Indianapolis, and on American diplomatic history at Indiana University. He was a faculty member at many appellate judges seminars and lectured on "Law and the Layman" for adult education courses for the Indianapolis Public School System.

Judge Sullivan was a member of the Indiana Judges Association, the Appellate Judges Conference of the American Bar Association, the Indianapolis Lawyers Commission, the U.S. Government Evaluation Project on Juvenile Law Centers, the Indianapolis Bar Association, the Indiana State Bar Association, where he served on the Board of Governors and, in 1996, as Counsel to the President, and the American Bar Association.



## 85 | Judge Robert B. Lybrook

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Robert B. Lybrook, a native of Gary, attended schools in Ohio and Indiana as a boy and graduated from Arsenal Technical High School in Indianapolis in 1932. He was a journalism major at Indiana University but graduated with a bachelor of laws degree in 1937. He was admitted to practice before the Supreme Court of Indiana the same year.

He served in the United States Navy during World War II. Following the war, he returned to Indiana and in 1945, began practicing in Franklin. He was Prosecuting Attorney for Johnson and Brown counties from 1946 to 1950 and also served as county attorney for three years. From 1954 to 1967, he was Judge of the Circuit Court for Johnson and Brown counties. He returned to his law practice and to his post as county attorney from 1967 until 1972, except for the three months he served temporarily on the Appellate Court in 1970. Governor Edgar D. Whitcombe appointed Judge Lybrook to the Indiana Appellate Court in September 1970 to fill three months of the term of Judge James C. Cooper, who died in office. He returned to private practice in 1971.

In 1971, under a new amendment to the Indiana Constitution, the Appellate Court became the Court of Appeals of Indiana, and the court expanded from eight to nine seats. Governor Whitcombe appointed Judge Lybrook to the ninth seat on the court and he began his work on January 1, 1972. In 1974, he was retained on the court by election for a ten-year term. He retired in 1979.

Judge Lybrook was a member of the Indiana Judges Association, the American Judicature Society, and the Indiana State, Johnson County, Brown County, and Morgan County bar associations. He was Master of the Franklin Masonic Lodge, a member of the Masonic Lodge at Nashville, the Scottish Rite, the Murat Shrine, an Exalted Ruler of the Franklin Elks Club, and a member of the American Legion, Sigma Chi fraternity, and the Franklin Presbyterian Church. He was twice awarded a Sagamore of the Wabash.

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He died on August 3, 1981 at the age of 67. He was survived by his wife Josephine E. Miller Lybrook, and three children, Robert, Jo Katherine and Mary Elizabeth.



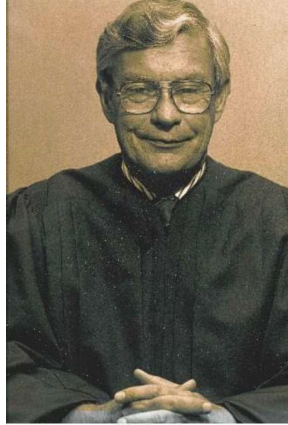
## 86 | Judge Paul H. Buchanan, Jr.

Paul H. Buchanan, Jr. was born in 1918 and attended the Park School in Indianapolis, now Park Tudor School. He received his undergraduate degree from Swarthmore College in Pennsylvania in 1939. He entered graduate school in Cincinnati and then accepted a commission in the United States Navy. During World War II, he saw action in the South Pacific. After the war he attended law school at the University of Arizona and the University of Denver. He practiced in Indianapolis, becoming managing partner of Bose Buchanan McKinney & Evans.

Judge Buchanan was elected as a Republican to the Appellate Court of Indiana in 1970, the last year elections were held for the position. In 1971, under a new amendment to the Indiana Constitution, the Appellate Court became the Court of Appeals of Indiana. Judge Buchanan was retained on the Court of Appeals by election in 1974 and 1984. In 1978, his colleagues selected him to the first of several three-year terms as Chief Judge.

For three decades Judge Buchanan was a contributing author to *Res Gestae*, the monthly publication of the Indiana State Bar Association. He also authored articles for the American Bar Association and the National Law Review. Judge Buchanan was a member of the Indiana State Bar Association and served a term as president of the Indianapolis Bar Association. He was also a member of the House of Delegates for the American Bar Association, the Indiana Supreme Court disciplinary commission, and the judicial nominating commission for the Marion County municipal courts. He served on the board of trustees of Methodist Hospital.

Judge Buchanan retired from the Court of Appeals in 1993 and lived in Indianapolis. With his sons, he owned Flanner & Buchanan funeral homes, one of the oldest family-owned businesses in Indiana. Judge Buchanan died on November 6, 2008. He was survived by two sons, one daughter, and his wife Ruth Buchanan.



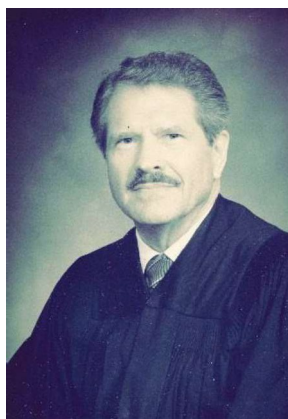
## 87 | Judge Jonathan J. Robertson

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Jonathan J. Robertson was born in Jackson County, Indiana. He graduated from Indiana University with a B.S. in 1954 and received his J.D. from the Vanderbilt University School of Law in 1961. He served in the United States Army from 1954 to 1956.

Judge Robertson was elected to the Appellate Court of Indiana and assumed office in 1971 and retained on the Court of Appeals in 1974, 1984, and 1994, retiring in 1997. He served as Chief Judge from 1975 to 1978. Judge Robertson served as Judge of the Jackson Circuit Court from 1965 to 1970 and was Counsel to the Indiana General Assembly's House of Representatives in 1963. From 1963 to 1964, he was the Jackson County Prosecuting Attorney and engaged in the private practice of law in Seymour, Indiana from 1961 to 1964. Judge Robertson is a graduate of the National College of the State Judiciary at the University of Nevada, the Intermediate Judges Seminar at New York University, and the Indiana Judicial College.

Judge Robertson served on numerous committees of the Indiana Judges Association, the Indiana Judicial Center, and the Criminal Justice Planning Agency. He was a former distinguished lecturer and adjunct professor at IUPUI and served as a panelist and speaker at the Vanderbilt University School of Law, the Indiana Judicial Center, the American Bar Association, and the Indiana State Bar Association. He served on the Board of Managers of the Indiana Bar Association and the Indiana Judges Board of Managers. At different times, he held all offices of the Jackson County Bar Association. Judge Robertson served as a senior judge on the Court of Appeals and a number of southern Indiana trial courts from 1998 until his death in 2008.



## 88 | Judge Robert H. Staton

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Robert H. Staton was born in Indianapolis. He served for three years during World War II, from 1943 to 1945, with the 91st Infantry Division of the Fifth Army and was attached to a special combat force which specialized in reconnaissance work behind the lines. He achieved the rank of major.

Following the war, he returned home and enrolled at Indiana University, where he received his undergraduate degree in 1952. He received his law degree from Indianapolis Division of the I.U. School of Law in 1955. After graduation, he spent three years as a deputy prosecuting attorney, eventually becoming Chief Trial Deputy Prosecutor. He then entered private practice and founded Staton & Ward.

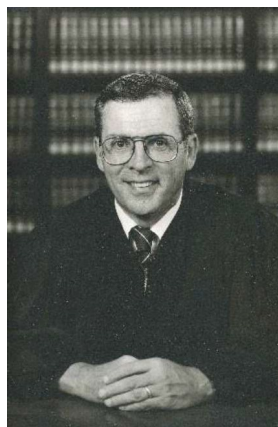
Judge Staton was elected to the Appellate Court of Indiana in November 1970, the last year elections were held for the position. In 1971, under a new amendment to the Indiana Constitution, the Appellate Court became the Court of Appeals of Indiana. Judge Staton was retained on the Court of Appeals by election in three elections, and served from January 1, 1971 until March 15, 2000. He authored more than 3,000 majority opinions.

The first editor of *Res Gestae*, the law journal of the Indiana State Bar Association, Judge Staton frequently published articles in legal journals. He authored several state legal histories, including “The History of the Court of Appeals of Indiana” with Gina Hicklin in 1997, and “Lessons Learned: The History of Continuing Legal Education and Experiences from Mandatory Continuing Legal Education States.” He was the Life Honorary Editor of the *Indiana Law Review*.

Judge Staton was President of the IU Alumni Association and served on the Executive Council for Indiana University, representing the law school, and on the law school's Alumni Association Board of Directors from 2004 to 2007. The Intramural Moot Court Competition at I.U. School of Law Indianapolis is named in his honor. He was chairman of the specialization committee and served as president of the Indiana State Bar Association. He was also a member of the American Bar Association.

He served as a senior judge on the Court from his retirement until 2005. He died on July 18, 2011.





## 89 | Judge William I. Garrard

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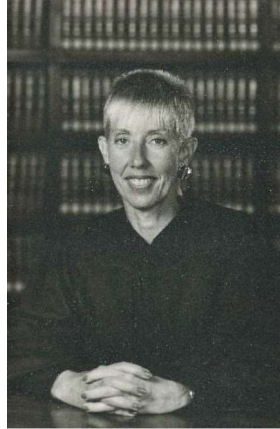
William I. Garrard was appointed to the Court of Appeals of Indiana on January 24, 1974 and was retained by election in 1976, 1986, and 1996. Judge Garrard grew up in Frankfort, Indiana, where he became an Eagle Scout. He served as an enlisted man in the United States Army from 1954 to 1956. He received an A.B. degree from Wabash College in 1954. He received his J.D. with honors from Indiana University School of Law - Bloomington, in 1959 and was elected to the Order of Coif. In 1990 he was the first Indiana judge to earn an LL.M. in Judicial Process from the University of Virginia.

Following law school, Judge Garrard moved to Warsaw, Indiana, where he engaged in the general practice of law for fifteen years with the firm originally known as Graham, Rasor, Eschbach and Harris. During this time he served as deputy prosecuting attorney from 1959 to 1969.

During his service on the Court of Appeals, Judge Garrard served on the Supreme Court's Committee on Rules of Practice and Procedure, serving one year as vice chairman. From 1976 to 1986 he taught as an adjunct professor at the Indiana University School of Law, Bloomington. He also served as a presenter at meetings of the Indiana State Bar Association, and served as a director and president of his law school alumni board. He was awarded the David Peck Medal by Wabash College, and was elected to the Academy of Law Alumni Fellows by Indiana University School of Law Bloomington. He is, also, a Fellow of the American Bar Foundation.

He was a member of the Kosciusko County Bar Association (President, 1964). He is a member of the Indiana State Bar Association (Parliamentarian, 1988; Secretary, 1992) and the American Bar Association. He retired from the Court on January 24, 2000, and served as a senior judge until December 31, 2016.

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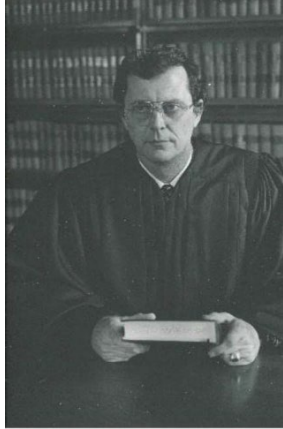
V. Sue Shields was born in January 1939 in Wilmore, Kentucky. The daughter of a U.S. Army chaplain, she attended 14 different schools in ten years before graduating from New Palestine High School. She earned her undergraduate degree in government and history from Ball State University in 1958. In 1961, she received her law degree with honors from the Indiana University School of Law in Bloomington. She was a member of the Indiana Law Journal and Order of the Coif. She was the only woman in her graduating class. She married her law school classmate William E. Shields on September 30, 1961 and together they raised two sons, Gregory and Bradley.

Her first job following law school was as an attorney for the Internal Revenue Service in Cincinnati. In 1962, she returned to Indiana to become a Deputy Attorney General. Judge Shields was elected as a Republican to the Hamilton Superior Court in November 1964 and took her seat in January 1965, as Indiana's first female trial court judge. She remained in the trial court until 1978.

She was appointed to the Court of Appeals of Indiana on July 1, 1978 by Governor Otis R. Bowen and became the first woman to serve on the court. She remained at the court for 16 years. She left the Court of Appeals in January 1994 after she was appointed to serve as a Magistrate Judge on the United States District Court for the Southern District of Indiana.

Judge Shields has been inducted into the Academy of Law Alumni Fellows, the highest honor the Indiana University School of Law Bloomington bestows upon its graduates. She also has been honored with two lifetime achievement awards by the Indianapolis Bar Association. She received the 2006 Indiana University Distinguished Alumni Service Award, the highest honor reserved solely for alumni of the university. Judge Shields retired from the Federal Magistrate Judge position in 2007 and lives in Noblesville.

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## 91 | Judge Eugene N. Chipman

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Eugene Chipman was born in Plymouth in 1927. He attended the United States Naval Academy, graduating in 1950. After graduation he served in the United States Navy on a destroyer. He later graduated from the Navy's flight program and was assigned to an aircraft squadron based out of Norfolk, Virginia. He flew a Grumman anti-submarine aircraft known as the AF.

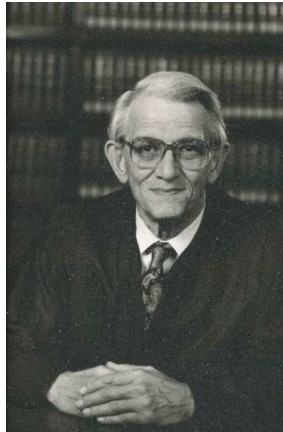
Judge Chipman reached the rank of Lt. Commander before enrolling at Indiana University School of Law-Bloomington. During law school, he worked in the law school library and as a reservist flying Neptune Patrol planes to help pay for school. He graduated from law school in 1959. In 1961, he was recalled to active duty and was sent to Seattle, Washington. Upon his return to Plymouth, from 1962 to 1969, he became the Prosecuting Attorney for the 72nd Judicial Circuit in Marshall County, a part-time position at that time. He maintained a part-time civil practice as well.

Judge Chipman was appointed to the Court of Appeals of Indiana by Governor Otis Bowen upon the creation of a fourth district in 1978. He began work on the court on August 1, 1978 and served until his retirement on October 26, 1981.

After retiring from the Court of Appeals, Judge Chipman re-entered the private practice of law in Marshall County. He ran for Judge of the Marshall Superior Court and was elected and served one term. His father had held the same judgeship. After leaving the Superior Court bench, Judge Chipman ran for office again and became the Marshall County Commissioner, a position he held for two terms.

After leaving the Commissioner position, Judge Chipman returned to the private practice of law. He passed away in his hometown of Plymouth, Indiana on December 7, 2021.

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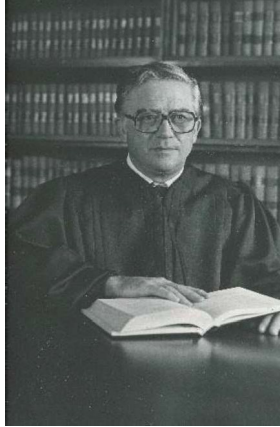
## 92 | Judge Stanley B. Miller

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Stanley B. Miller was born on April 23, 1929 in Indianapolis, Indiana. He received his undergraduate education from Butler University, graduating in 1949. He studied law at Indianapolis Division of the I.U. School of Law, receiving his degree in 1953. He was admitted to practice before the Supreme Court of Indiana the same year. During the Korean War, Judge Miller served in the United States Army in the Counter Intelligence Corps.

Judge Miller was appointed to the Court of Appeals of Indiana on August 1, 1978 and was retained in November 1980 and 1990, serving until his death in 1994. From 1955 to 1965, Judge Miller was the Deputy Attorney General for Marion County. He also served as Deputy Prosecutor and as Chief Counsel for the Marion County Prosecutor's Office. In 1969 he was appointed U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana. He spent many years in private practice. Judge Miller was a member of the American Legion Veterans of Foreign Wars, a board member of the Bureau of Jewish Education, the Indiana State Bar Association, and the Indiana Judges Association. He also taught for 17 years at Congregation Beth-El Zedeck.

He died on June 20, 1994.



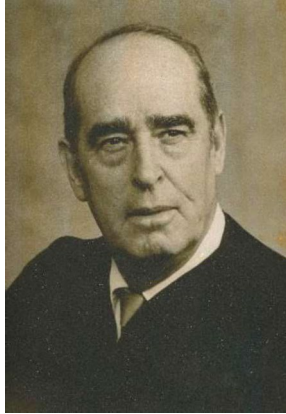
## 93 | Judge James B. Young

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James Young was born in 1928 in Kankakee, Illinois. He received his undergraduate degree from Franklin College and his law degree from Indiana University School of Law - Bloomington in 1955. He was admitted to practice before the Indiana Supreme Court the same year. From 1951 to 1955, he served in the United States Army in the Counter Intelligence Corps.

Judge Young was appointed to the Court of Appeals of Indiana in 1978 and was retained in November 1980. He served the court until his retirement in 1988. Judge Young served as City Attorney for Franklin, Indiana from 1958 to 1962, as County Attorney for Johnson County from 1966 to 1975, and as State Senator from 1966 to 1970. He was Special Assistant to the Governor for Legislative Affairs from 1973 to 1975. He was appointed U.S. Attorney for the South District of Indiana in 1975. He was a Korean War Veteran, a member of the American Judicature Society, and a member of the Florida and Indiana State Bar Associations. He was named a Sagamore of the Wabash by Governor Otis Bowen, the highest honor given by an Indiana Governor at that time.

He died on August 29, 1998.



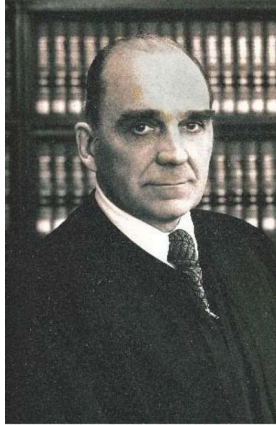
## 94 | Judge Robert W. Neal

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Robert Neal was born in Clay City, Indiana in 1924. He graduated from Clay City High School in 1941 before joining the United States Army the following year as an infantryman. He served in the Army from 1942 to 1945 and fought in the Battle of the Bulge, receiving the Purple Heart. He received his law degree from Indiana University School of Law - Bloomington in 1951 and was admitted to practice before the Indiana Supreme Court the same year. He practiced law in Brazil, Indiana from 1951 to 1970.

Judge Neal was appointed to the Court of Appeals of Indiana by Governor Otis Bowen in 1979, serving until his retirement in 1989. He served as the Clay County Circuit Court Judge from 1970 until 1979. He was a veteran of World War II, a member of the Clay County School Board, the Indiana State Bar Association, and the Indiana Judges Association. He was a recipient of the Sagamore of the Wabash, the highest honor bestowed by an Indiana Governor at that time.

He died on November 12, 2000.



## 95 | Judge Wesley W. Ratliff, Jr.

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Wesley W. Ratliff, Jr. was born in September 1925 in Knightstown. He attended Ball State University, completing two years before joining the United States Navy in December 1943. During World War II he served in the Pacific, assisting in training on Midway.

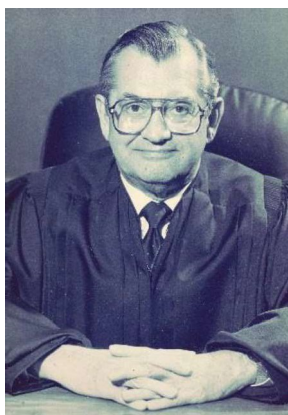
Following his military service, he returned to Ball State to finish his degree. He received his law degree from Valparaiso University School of Law in January 1950 and was admitted to practice in May of that year. He returned to Knightstown to practice with his parents, both lawyers.

He served as deputy prosecutor for Henry County in 1953. He was elected as the Circuit Judge of Henry County as a Republican in 1962, succeeding his father who had died in 1961. Judge Ratliff was re-elected to Circuit Court, running unopposed in 1969 and 1974. Judge Ratliff was appointed to the Court of Appeals of Indiana by Governor Otis Bowen and took his seat on January 1, 1980. He was retained on the court by election in 1982. He served as Chief Judge of the court from 1987 to 1992. He retired from the court in November 1992. He taught at Valparaiso University School of Law in the fall of 1984 and at Indiana University School of Law - Indianapolis in 1987.

Judge Ratliff continued to live in Knightstown until 1987, when he and his wife, Mildred, moved to Bloomington. He was active in many legal and civic organizations in both Knightstown and Bloomington.

Judge Ratliff served as a senior judge on the Court from his retirement until his death on August 30, 2006.





## 96 | Judge William G. Conover

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William G. Conover, of Valparaiso, was born on April 26, 1925. During World War II, he served in the United States Navy Seabees, the Navy's construction battalion, where he participated in projects on Tinian and Saipan in the Pacific Theatre. He received the Good Conduct Medal and was honorably discharged in 1946.

He graduated with a B.A. from Valparaiso University in 1949 and his law degree from Valparaiso University School of Law in 1951. He maintained a general private practice and held several public service posts in Valparaiso prior to his appointment to the Court of Appeals of Indiana. He was appointed judge of the Valparaiso City Court in 1952. From 1961 to 1964, he was attorney for the Porter County Plan Commission. From 1963 to 1971, he was Porter County Prosecutor.

Prior to his service on the Court of Appeals, Judge Conover was active in Republican Party politics. He was Chairman of the Porter County Young Republicans from 1956 to 1958. He was Porter County Republican Chairman from 1958 to 1963. He was a delegate to the Republican state convention from 1958 to 1976 and to the Republican National Convention in 1972 and 1976.

Judge Conover was appointed to the Court of Appeals in 1981 by Governor Robert D. Orr and took his seat on October 26th. He retired on December 31, 1993.

Judge Conover was a member of the Porter County Bar Association, serving as President in 1965. He was also a member of the Indiana State Bar Association, the Institute for Judicial Administration, and the American Judicature Society. He was named a Sagamore of the Wabash in 1991. He belonged to Trinity Lutheran Church in Valparaiso, serving on the Vestry, and was a member of the executive board of the Indiana-Kentucky Lutheran Synod from 1983 to 1986. He was a member of the

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American Legion, the Experimental Aircraft Association, the Pottowattamie Council of the Boy Scouts, the Saturday Evening Club, Kappa Iota Pi social fraternity, and Phi Alpha Delta legal fraternity. He was a member of the board of directors of the Valparaiso Junior Chamber of Commerce from 1953 to 1958, and a member of the Valparaiso Rotary Club from 1961 to 1970.

Judge Conover served as a senior judge of the Court of Appeals from January 1, 1994, the day following his official retirement, to December 31, 1995. He and his wife Victoria had six sons and a daughter.

He died on January 9, 2012.



## 97 | Judge Linda L. Chezem

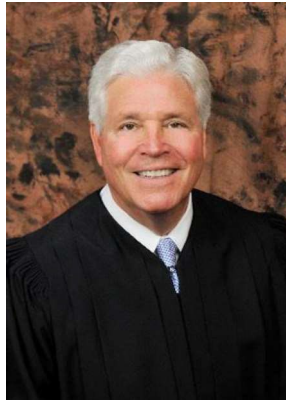
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Linda Chezem held judicial office at the trial and appellate levels in Indiana for 22 years. She was first appointed to the trial court in Lawrence County, Indiana in 1975. She subsequently won two contested elections to remain on the trial court. In 1988, she was appointed to the Court of Appeals of Indiana. She was retained on a statewide vote in 1992. She resigned from the Court of Appeals in 1997. She was appointed by the Indiana Supreme Court to serve as a senior judge, which she did until January 2004.

In 1998, she accepted the position of professor and department head of 4-H Youth in the School of Agriculture at Purdue University in West Lafayette, Indiana, where she remained as department head until February 2000. She continues to serve as a professor at Purdue University in the Department of Youth Development and Agriculture Education. Judge Chezem has held various other teaching positions. She has served as an adjunct professor at the Indiana University School of Medicine in the Department of Medicine, and as an Affiliated Scholar with the Center for Public Health Law Partnerships at the University of Louisville School of Medicine. During the spring semester 2009, Judge Chezem held the position of Judicial Scholar in Residence at the Arizona Supreme Court Administrative Office of the Courts, Judicial Education Division. She has provided consultation to many national and international governmental and non-governmental organizations including: the Office of the Director of the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism at the National Institutes of Health as to privacy issues and other ethical and legal issues involving research law and policy, and the U. S. Department of Justice for its Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) Pandemic Consortium.

Since leaving the Court of Appeals, Judge Chezem has focused on the improvement of adjudication through judicial education largely concentrating on the impact of alcohol abuse upon the public health and judicial systems. She currently teaches the following courses for both Purdue University and Indiana University: Public Health Law and Policy, Forensic Science and Law, Selected Issues in Juvenile and Youth Law, Alcohol Science and Law, and Animal Use and Ownership Law.

Judge Chezem has served on numerous boards including the Greenleaf Center of Servant-Leadership, Fairbanks Hospital, and the Indiana Youth Institute. She has authored numerous articles, presented at seminars, trained other judges, held fellowships, and received numerous civic awards. Among other awards, Judge Chezem has received the Sagamore of the Wabash four times, the Robert J. Kinsey Award for Outstanding Judicial Service and Support to the Children and Youth of Indiana, the Hoosier Hero Award from the Honorable Dan Coats, United States Senator from Indiana in 1991, the 2008 Circle of Hope Award from the Fairbanks Institute in Indianapolis, the Distinguished Barrister award in 2008, and the 2009 Public Service Award from the National Highway Safety Administration.



## 98 | Judge John G. Baker

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John G. Baker, the most senior member of the state's judiciary, was named to the Court of Appeals in 1989 and is the longest-serving member on the current Court. He served as Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals from 2007-2010.

Judge Baker is a southern Indiana native who grew up along the Ohio River in Aurora, but attended high school at Culver Military Academy in northern Indiana. He earned a B.A. in history from Indiana University in 1968 and his J.D. from Indiana University School of Law-Bloomington in 1971. He then practiced law in Bloomington as a partner in Baker, Barnhart and Andrews, and later served for 13.5 years as judge of Monroe County and Monroe Superior Courts. In that time, he disposed of more than 15,000 cases solid preparation for the more than 5,000 majority opinions he has written for the Court of Appeals.

In 2013, Judge Baker retired after 33 years of teaching at the School of Public and Environmental Affairs, Indiana University-Bloomington. He retired in 2015 after teaching a class for foreign lawyers at Indiana University McKinney School of Law for over 10 years. He has also served on the faculties of the Indiana Judicial College, Indiana Continuing Legal Education Forum and the National Institute of Trial Advocacy.

Judge Baker has long been interested in court and judicial reform and history. He's been a member since its inception of the Strategic Planning Committee of the Judicial Conference of Indiana, which is charged with improving people's access to Indiana courts and the quality of their experience there. In 2012, Judge Baker was appointed by the Indiana Supreme Court to a task force evaluating operations and procedures in Marion County Small Claims Courts. The task force's report to the Supreme Court formed the basis recently adopted by the General Assembly.

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Judge Baker received his LLM from the University of Virginia in 1995 and is a member of the American, Indiana State, Monroe County, Boone County, and Indianapolis Bar Associations. He served on the Indiana Judge's Association Board of Managers from 1979 through 2011 and was its president from January 1987 through June 1989.

Judge Baker was a Captain in the U.S. Army Reserves and remains active in his community, his church, and the Boy Scouts of America, where he attained the rank of Eagle Scout as a youth. In 2011 he joined the Board of Trustees of Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary in Evanston, IL, where he serves on the Academic Affairs Committee.

Judge Baker was retained on the Court of Appeals by election in 1992, 2002 and 2012. He retired from the Court on July 31, 2020 and currently serves as a Senior Judge for the Court of Appeals.

He and his wife have six children and, so far, 11 grandchildren. He is an avid reader, rower, and Nordic walker.



## 99 | Judge Betty Barteau

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Betty Barteau was born in Boonville, Warrick County, Indiana. She attended Indiana University Law School at Indianapolis, graduating with an L.L.B. in 1965. She was admitted to the Indiana Bar that same year. She served as Boonville City Judge, Deputy Prosecutor in Spencer and Warrick Counties, and Warrick County Attorney. She had a general law practice in Marion County from 1969 to 1974, before becoming a Marion County Superior Court Judge in 1975.

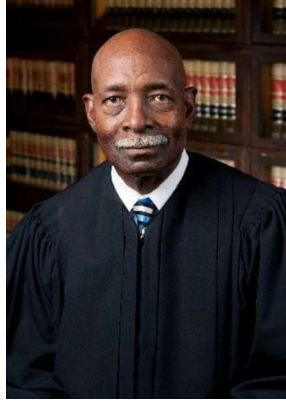
Judge Barteau served as a judge on the Court of Appeals of Indiana from January 1991 to April 1998. She left the court to assume the director position for the Russian American Judicial Partnership, a USAID program based in Moscow. She served in that position until 2003.

Judge Barteau has held memberships in various professional and community organizations and has received numerous awards and recognitions for her work in both areas.

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At the request of the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals, she serves as a Senior Judge.

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## 100 | Judge Robert D. Rucker

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Robert D. Rucker was appointed to the Indiana Supreme Court by Governor Frank O'Bannon in 1999.

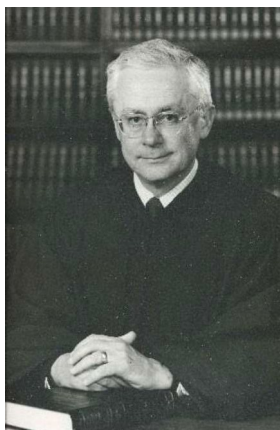
Born in Canton, Georgia, Justice Rucker grew up in Gary, Indiana, and is a veteran of the Vietnam War. He is a graduate of Indiana University (B.A. 1974) and Valparaiso University School of Law (J.D. 1976). In 1998, he earned a Master of Laws degree in the judicial process from the University of Virginia Law School.

Prior to his appointment to the Indiana Supreme Court, Justice Rucker served as a Judge on the Indiana Court of Appeals, having been appointed to that position in 1991 by Governor Evan Bayh. While on the Court of Appeals, Justice Rucker served as vice-chair of the Indiana Commission for Continuing Legal Education. As a lawyer, Justice Rucker served on the board of directors of the Indiana Trial Lawyers Association and on the board of directors of the Northwest Indiana Legal Services Organization. He also served as a deputy prosecuting attorney for Lake County, City Attorney for the City of Gary, and engaged in the general practice of law in East Chicago.

Justice Rucker is a member of the American Bar Association, the Indiana Judges Association, the Indiana State Bar Association, the Marion County Bar Association, the James C. Kimbrough Bar Association and is a Fellow of the Indianapolis Bar Foundation. Justice Rucker also served as the 2009-2010 Chair of the Judicial Council of the National Bar Association.

After retiring from the Supreme Court in 2017, Rucker served as a senior judge for the Court of Appeals of Indiana until 2020. Justice Rucker and his wife Dr. Denise Rucker are the proud grandparents of seventeen grandchildren.

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## 101 | Judge John T. Sharpnack

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John T. Sharpnack, a native of Columbus, was appointed to the Court of Appeals by Governor Evan Bayh in January 1991. He received his undergraduate and law degrees from the University of Cincinnati, where he was also Editor-in-Chief of the Law Review. Between degrees, he served a tour in the United States Army.

Following graduation from law school in 1960, Judge Sharpnack joined the Honor Graduate Program at the Antitrust Division of the U.S. Department of Justice in Washington, DC as an attorney. Three years later he returned to Columbus, becoming a partner at Sharpnack, Bigley, David and Rumble, where he practiced until his appointment to the Court. He was inducted as a Fellow to the American College of Trial Lawyers in 1983.

While in private practice, Judge Sharpnack was active in legal associations and community groups. He served as Chairman of both the Trial Section and the House of Delegates of the Indiana State Bar Association, and for five years was a member of the State Bar's Ethics Committee. For six years he was a member of the Indiana Supreme Court Committee on Rules of Practice and Procedure, and from 1987 to 1988, he was President of the Indiana Defense Lawyers Association. He also served on several local boards, including the Foundation for Youth, the United Way, and the Harrison Township Volunteer Fire Department.

Judge Sharpnack, who served as the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals from September 9, 1992 to December 31, 2001, was retained on the Court by election in 1994 and 2004. Judge Sharpnack retired May 2, 2008. At the request of the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals, he serves as a Senior Judge.

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## 102 | Judge Edward W. Najam, Jr.

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Edward W. Najam, Jr., of Bloomington, Monroe County, was appointed to the Court of Appeals by Governor Evan Bayh in 1992 and retained by the electorate in 1996, 2006, and 2016. Judge Najam graduated from Indiana University High School in Bloomington, where he grew up. He attended Indiana University-Bloomington, where he earned a B.A. in political science, with Highest Distinction, in 1969. Judge Najam earned his J.D. from Harvard Law School and was admitted to the Indiana Bar in 1972.

While at I.U. he was elected to Phi Beta Kappa and was elected Student Body President. He was also the recipient of the Herman B Wells Senior Recognition Award for academic excellence and campus leadership, an award named for I.U.'s legendary President and University Chancellor. In 2019 Indiana University presented him with its Bicentennial Medal in recognition of his distinguished service to the University.

After his admission to the Bar, Judge Najam served as Administrative Assistant to the Mayor of Bloomington for two years and was a practicing attorney with a general civil and trial practice for eighteen years before joining the Court.

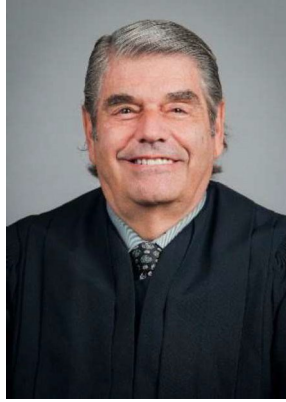
The Indiana Supreme Court appointed Judge Najam to the Supreme Court Committee on Rules of Practice and Procedure, which conducts a continuous study of the Indiana Rules of Procedure and the Indiana Rules of Evidence. He served on this committee for 10 years. As Chair of the Appellate Practice Section of the Indiana State Bar Association, Judge Najam initiated the Appellate Rules Project, which culminated in a complete revision of the Indiana Rules of Appellate Procedure, the first comprehensive review of the appellate rules in 30 years.

By designation of the Chief Justice of Indiana, Judge Najam has represented the Indiana judiciary on the Indiana Department of Homeland Security Counter-Terrorism and Security Council since it was created following the events of September 11, 2001. He also serves on the Court Security Committee of the Judicial Conference of Indiana. Judge Najam was an original member of the Indiana Supreme Court Judicial Technology and Automation Committee, which initiated the Odyssey electronic case and financial management system for Indiana courts.

While in practice he was a member of the Bloomington Rotary Club and the Greater Bloomington Chamber of Commerce. He also served as a Director and President of the Monroe County YMCA and as a Director and Chair of the Community Foundation of Bloomington and Monroe County. He is currently a member of the Sycamore Land Trust Advisory Board.

Judge Najam is the author of “Public School Finance in Indiana: A Critique,” published in the *Indiana Law Journal*, and “Caught in the Middle: The Role of State Intermediate Appellate Courts” and “Merit Selection in Indiana: The Foundation for a Fair and Impartial Appellate Judiciary,” both of which were published in the *Indiana Law Review*. Judge Najam is a graduate of the Indiana Graduate Program for judges, a member of the American, Indiana, and Monroe County Bar Associations, and a Fellow of the American, Indiana, and Indianapolis Bar Foundations. He is a member of the Indiana University Maurer School of Law Board of Visitors, a member of Phi Delta Phi legal fraternity, and an Eagle Scout.

Judge Najam has authored over 4,000 majority opinions for the Court.



## 103 | Judge Ezra H. Friedlander

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Ezra H. Friedlander was appointed to the Court of Appeals by Governor Evan Bayh in January 1993 and retired from the Court on Aug. 31, 2015. He now serves the Court as a senior judge.

A native of New Jersey, Judge Friedlander graduated from Indiana University in 1962 with a BA in History and Government. He earned his law degree from Indiana University School of Law in 1965

Judge Friedlander practiced law for 27 years before being appointed to the bench. His practice was primarily in the area of civil law, but he also served as a deputy prosecutor in Lake and Marion counties and as corporate counsel to the Secretary of State.

Judge Friedlander is former co-chairman of the Indiana Supreme Court's Commission on Race and Gender Fairness. He is a member of the Indiana State and American Bar associations; American Judicature Society; and the Indiana Judges Association. He is a graduate of New York University's Appellate Judges Institute of Judicial Administration.

Judge Friedlander is a past member of the Board of Directors of the Indiana State Bar Association and past chair of its Young Lawyers Section. He is also a Fellow of the Indiana State Bar Foundation. He has previously been active in the American Bar Association's Judicial Division (Standing Committee on Minorities in the Judiciary) as well as many other areas of the bar, including the Indianapolis Bar Association and the Indianapolis Bar Foundation.

Judge Friedlander stays actively involved at his alma mater by serving on the Dean's Advisory Board of the College of Arts and Sciences. He also serves on the Board of Directors of the Indiana University Foundation. Judge Friedlander was honored by the IU School of Law as a member of its Academy of Law Alumni Fellows.

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Judge Friedlander also remains actively involved in Hamilton County community efforts. He was a member of the local organizing committee for the 1991 PGA Championships, the 2005 Solheim Cup, the 2002 World Basketball Championships; and is a founder of the Carmel Youth Soccer Association.

Judge Friedlander was retained on the Court of Appeals by non-partisan retention election in 1996 and 2006. He is married and has two children and four grandchildren.



## 104 | Judge Patricia A. Riley

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Patricia A. Riley was named to the Court of Appeals of Indiana by Governor Evan Bayh in January of 1994. A native of Rensselaer, Indiana, Judge Riley earned her bachelor's degree from Indiana University-Bloomington in 1971 and her law degree from the Indiana University School of Law-Indianapolis in 1974. Early in her career she served as a Deputy Prosecutor in Marion County and a public defender in Marion and Jasper counties before entering into private practice in Jasper County. She served as a judge of the Jasper Superior Court from 1990 to 1993. She is a former associate professor at St. Joseph's College in Rensselaer and the Indiana University School of Law-Indianapolis.

Judge Riley's legal memberships include the Indianapolis Bar Association, the Marion County Bar Association, and the Indiana State Bar Association. Judge Riley is the former chair of the Appellate Practice Section of the Indiana State Bar Association, and is a member of the ABA's Judicial Division. She is a member of the Indiana Judges Association and the National Association of Women Judges.

Judge Riley's civic associations include being on the Board of Directors of Recycle Force. She serves on the Board of Visitors of the Robert H. McKinney School of Law Alumni Association, and is a member of the Indianapolis Metro Rotary Club.

She also has extensive international legal experience. In 2008, she co-founded the Legal Aid Centre of Eldoret, Kenya (LACE), which provides legal access to justice for HIV/AIDS patients in the AMPATH medical center.

In 2011, Judge Riley traveled with the Washington, D.C.-based International Judicial Academy to The Hague, Netherlands, to observe the International Criminal Court and two International Criminal Tribunals that are hearing cases from Sierra Leone and the former Yugoslavia. And in 2012 she participated in the 3rd Sino-U.S. Law Conference, which was

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held in Beijing at the National Judges College of the People's Republic of China, which oversees all aspects of that country's judicial training, placement and promotion. In 2013, Judge Riley attended the Justice Academy of Turkey where she presented her paper about Ethic Rules in the U.S.

Judge Riley has two sons and two grandsons. She was retained on the Court by election in 1996, 2006, and 2016.



## 105 | Judge James S. Kirsch

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James S. Kirsch was appointed to the Court of Appeals in March 1994 and served as Chief Judge from March 1, 2004 to February 28, 2007. A native of Indianapolis, Judge Kirsch is a graduate of the Indiana University School of Law at Indianapolis (J.D., cum laude, 1974) and Butler University (B.A. with honors, 1968).

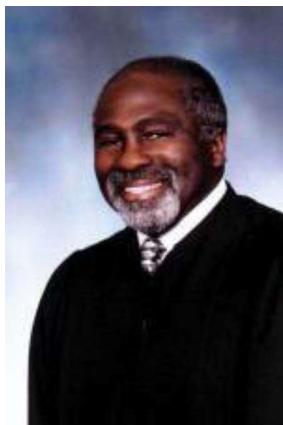
Judge Kirsch served as Judge of the Marion Superior Court from 1988 to 1994 and as presiding judge of the court in 1992. From 1974 to 1988, he practiced law with the firm of Kroger, Gardis & Regas in Indianapolis in the areas of commercial and business litigation and served as managing partner of the firm. Since 1990, he has held an appointment as Visiting Professor of Law and Management at the Krannert Graduate School of Management at Purdue University. He has taught law in 30 countries on five continents and currently holds concurrent faculty appointments at the University of Tilburg in the Netherlands and the Central European University in Budapest, Hungary.

Judge Kirsch is a past-president of the Indianapolis Bar Association and of the Indianapolis Bar Foundation and is a former member of the Board of Visitors of the Indiana University School of Law-Indianapolis. He is a past-president of the United Way/Community Service Council Board of Directors and a current or former member of the Board of Directors of the United Way of Central Indiana, the Board of Associates of Rose Hulman Institute of Technology, and of the Boards of Directors of the Goodwill Industries Foundation of Central Indiana, Community Centers of Indianapolis, the Indianapolis Urban League, the Legal Aid Society of Indianapolis, the Stanley K. Lacy Leadership Association and the Benjamin Harrison Presidential Site. He is a Fellow of the Indiana State Bar Foundation and of the Indianapolis Bar Foundation.

Judge Kirsch is a frequent speaker and lecturer and has served on the faculty of more than 300 continuing legal education programs. He has been named a Sagamore of the Wabash by four different governors. In 2009, the Indianapolis Bar Association presented Judge Kirsch with its highest award the Hon. Paul H. Buchanan Award of Excellence in recognition of “his notable attainments as a lawyer and honorable service to the legal profession over an extended period of time.”

Judge Kirsch and his wife Jan have two children, Adam and Alexandra. Judge Kirsch was retained on the Court in 1996, 2006, and 2016.





## 106 | Judge Carr L. Darden

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Carr L. Darden was named to the Court of Appeals of Indiana by Governor Evan Bayh in October 1994 and was retained on the Court by election in 1998 and 2008. Prior to his appointment, he served as a presiding judge in the Marion County Superior Court and the Marion County Municipal Court systems. He also served as the Chief Deputy State Public Defender.

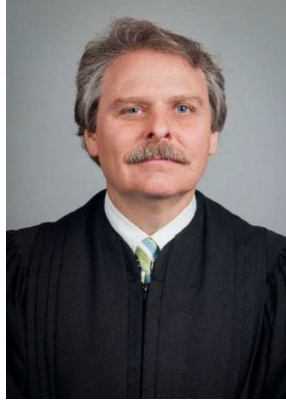
Judge Darden received his BS degree from Indiana University School of Business in 1966 and his JD degree from Indiana University School of Law in Indianapolis in 1970. He is also a 1998 graduate of the Judicial College of Indiana and, in 2004, the Indiana Graduate Program for Judges.

In November 2004, Judge Darden received the Paul H. Buchanan, Jr. Award of Excellence by the Indianapolis Bar Foundation, and in May 2006, the Distinguished Alumni Award at the annual IU Law Alumni Association reception. He is also the recipient of three Sagamores of the Wabash, Indiana's highest distinguished citizen award. However, one of the awards that he cherishes most is the recognition by his peers of being "Exceptionally Qualified" to serve as a trial court judge.

Judge Darden is a native of Nashville, Tennessee and in 2005 he was honored by the House of Representatives of the State of Tennessee by Proclamation. He has lived in Indiana most of his life; and therefore, he is an extremely proud Hoosier by choice. He and his wife recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. Judge Darden considered it an honor to serve in the United States military and received an honorable discharge from the U.S. Air Force in 1959.

Judge Darden is deeply involved in his church and community and has served on the boards of many charitable organizations. He has participated at numerous legal and education seminars. He is a lifetime member of the NAACP, the National Bar Association and the American, Indiana State, and Marion County Bar Associations.

Judge Darden retired from the Court of Appeals on July 21, 2012 and was appointed as a senior judge by the Indiana Supreme Court on July 24, 2012.



## 107 | Judge L. Mark Bailey

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Lloyd Mark Bailey was raised on the family farm in Decatur County. He was educated in Indiana, earning a B.A. from the University of Indianapolis (1978); a J.D. from Indiana University McKinney School of Law (1982); and an M.B.A. from Indiana Wesleyan University (1999). He also completed the graduate program for Indiana Judges. Judge Bailey was appointed to the Indiana Court of Appeals by Governor Frank O'Bannon in 1998, after having served as judge of the Decatur County and Decatur Superior Courts.

During his legal career, Judge Bailey has served public interest and professional organizations in various capacities. He was the first Chairperson of the Indiana Pro Bono Commission, having been awarded the Indiana Bar Foundation's Pro Bono Publico Award and the 2002 Randall Shepard Award for his pro bono contributions. His writings include: "A New Generation for Pro Bono," "Pro Bono Participation Preserves Justice," and "An Invitation to Become Part of the Solution," all published in the *Indiana Lawyer*. Judge Bailey also chaired the Local Coordinating Council of the Governor's Task Force for a Drug-Free Indiana and the Judicial Conference Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee. Additionally, he has served on the Judicial Education Committee of the Judicial Conference of Indiana.

In 2004, Judge Bailey and his First District colleagues received the Indiana Bar Foundation Law-Related Education Award for their commitment to bringing oral arguments into community settings. In February of 2006, he served as the Distinguished Jurist in Residence at Stetson University College of Law; in 2007-08, he was the Moderator of the Indianapolis Bar Association's Bar Leader Series; in 2009, he was designated an ASTAR Science and Technology Fellow. Judge Bailey also has taught courses on state and local government and conflict management as an adjunct professor at the University of Indianapolis. The *Indiana Lawyer* presented Judge Bailey with the Leadership in Law Distinguished Barrister award in 2013.

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In recent years, Judge Bailey has served on numerous committees of the bench and bar, including as the Chair of the Indiana State Bar Association's Appellate Practice Section and as a Board Member of the Indiana Judges Association and the Indiana University McKinney School of Law Alumni Association. In June 2020, he completed twelve years of service as a member of the Supreme Court Committee on Rules of Practice and Procedure. Judge Bailey is the immediate past chair of the Court of Appeals Case Management Committee and presently serves on the Court's Administration Committee.

Judge Bailey is currently the presiding judge of the first district Court of Appeals of Indiana. He was retained on the Court of Appeals in 2000 and 2010. His wife is a professor; the couple has two adult children.



## 108 | Judge Melissa S. May

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Melissa S. May was appointed to the Indiana Court of Appeals by Governor Frank O'Bannon in April of 1998. She was born in Elkhart, Indiana. She received a B.S. in criminal justice from Indiana University-South Bend and, in 1984, a J.D. from Indiana University School of Law-Indianapolis. She is also a graduate of the Graduate Program for Indiana Judges.

Prior to her appointment to the Court, Judge May practiced law for fourteen years in Evansville, Indiana, where she focused on insurance defense and personal injury litigation. Judge May has been active in local, state, and national bar associations and bar foundations. She served the Indiana Bar Association on the Board of Managers from 1992-1994, as Chair of the Litigation Section from 1998-1999, as Counsel to the President from 2000-2001, as Chair of the Appellate Practice Section from 2008-2009, and as Secretary to the Board of Governors in 2008-2009. She is also a member of the Indianapolis Bar Association and the Evansville Bar Association. She is a fellow of the Indiana Bar Foundation and is currently serving on their Board of Directors. Judge May is a fellow for the American Bar Association, and a Master Fellow of the Indianapolis Bar Association.

From 1999 until December 2004, Judge May was a member of Indiana's Continuing Legal Education Commission, where she chaired the Specialization Committee. She is currently on an Advisory Panel to the Specialization Committee. In 2005, she was named to the Indiana Pro Bono Commission and in July 2008, she was named as Chair of that Commission. While chair, she worked with the fourteen pro bono districts to train lawyers and mediators on how to assist homeowners facing foreclosure. Judge May was appointed to the Coalition for Court Access in 2018. In addition, she was a member of the Board of Directors of the Indiana Continuing Legal Education Forum from 1994-1999 and has been a co-chair of ICLEF's Indiana Trial Advocacy College from 2001 to present. Judge May also served on the Civil Instruction Committee, an Indiana Judicial Conference Committee, which has been working to translate all of the civil jury instructions into "plain English."

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She frequently speaks on legal topics to attorneys, other judges, schools, and other professional and community organizations.

In 2003, Judge May was named to the American Bar Association's Standing Committee on Attorney Specialization. She is now special counsel to that committee. In the spring of 2004, Judge May became adjunct faculty at Robert H. McKinney School of Law, where she teaches a trial advocacy course. Also in the spring of 2004, she was awarded an Honorary Doctor of Civil Law from the University of Southern Indiana. In 2015, Judge May became a member of the American Board of Trial Advocates. Judge May was retained on the Court of Appeals in 2010, and lives in Marion County.



## 109 | Judge Margret G. Robb

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Margret G. Robb, the first woman elected Chief Judge in the 110-year history of the Court of Appeals, was appointed in July 1998 by Governor Frank O'Bannon. In 2012 she was honored, with a concurrent bi-partisan Resolution, by the Indiana Legislature. Previously she served as a Founding Chair of Governor Otis Bowen's Commission on the Status of Women.

Honored for her public service, some of Judge Robb's awards include the Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law Distinguished Alumni, *Indiana Business Journal* Woman of Influence, Indiana State Bar Association "100 Years of Women in the Legal Profession," appointment to the ABA Committee responsible for accrediting law schools, and election as President of the national Council of Chief Judges of State Courts of Appeal.

She holds a B.S. and an M.S. in Business Economics from Purdue University, a Magna Cum Laude J.D. from Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law, a graduate of the Graduate Program for Indiana Judges and the Indiana Judicial College.

Prior to her appointment to the Court, Judge Robb was, for 20 years, engaged in the general practice of law in Lafayette, and served as a Chapter 11, 12 and a standing Chapter 7 Bankruptcy trustee for the Northern District of Indiana. She was a registered family and civil mediator and served as a Tippecanoe County Deputy Public Defender.

Judge Robb has been President/Chair of the Indiana University School of Law Indianapolis Alumni Association, the Bankruptcy Section of the Indiana State Bar Association, the Indiana Bar Foundation, Appellate Practice Section of the Indiana State Bar Association, the Appellate Judges Council of the American Bar Association, and the Appellate Judges Education Institute. She has been an officer of the Indiana State Bar Association, the Fellows of the Indiana State Bar Foundation, Tippecanoe County Bar

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Association, and the National Association of Women Judges. She has also been a Board member of the Indianapolis Bar Association, the Indianapolis Bar Foundation, and the Senior Council Section of the Indianapolis Bar Association. She was the moderator for the 2005-2006 and Chair for the 2006-2007 Indianapolis Bar Association's Bar Leader Series. For 17 years, Judge Robb chaired a Continuing Legal Education program that raised over a million dollars to fund scholarships for law school students. She is also a member of the American Bar Foundation, American Judicature Society, a Master Fellow of the Indiana State Bar Foundation. and is an elected member of the American Law Institute. She is a frequent speaker and author on legal topics for attorneys, other judges, and professional, civic and community organizations.

Judge Robb chaired the Supreme Court Task Forces on Family Courts and the development of Trial Court Local Rules and is involved in several projects to benefit the Indiana legal system. She has also served as a member of the Indiana Board of Law Examiners, the Governance Committee of the Supreme Court IOLTA (Interest on Lawyer Trust Account) Committee; the Federal Advisory Committee on Local Rules for the Federal Court for the Northern District of Indiana; and the Federal Advisory Committee for the Expediting of Federal Litigation.

Judge Robb has written extensively on a variety of legal topics: "Reflections of Baseball, Life and the Law" in the Indiana State Bar Association's journal, *Res Gestae* and "Running Bases, Winning Cases: Why the Grand Old Game of Baseball is like the legal profession," in the *ABA Journal*. She also authored a chapter on Supreme Court Justice Leonard Hackney in *Indiana Supreme Court Justices*, a chapter on Judge Robert H. Staton, in an upcoming book on judges of the Indiana Court of Appeals, co-authored a chapter "From Juvenile to Family Courts," in *Essays on Indiana Legal History*; co-authored an article "Do You Want To Know a Secret? Do You Promise Not to Tell? Whoa OH OH: Judges, Opinions, and Judicial Notice" in the *Indiana Law Review*; and co-authored an article "Appeals on Wheels: Traveling Oral Arguments Boost Public Outreach," in the *ABA Judges Journal*.

Judge Robb is a recipient of the 2001 Maynard K. Hine distinguished alumni award given in recognition of support and service to IUPUI and Indiana University. She has also been honored with the 2004 Bernadette Perham "Indiana Women of Achievement" Award, bestowed by Ball State University to honor of one of their outstanding professors; the 2005 Indiana State Bar Association's Women in the Law Recognition Award; the 2006 Tippecanoe County YWCA Salute to Women "Women of Distinction" Award; the 2007 Warren G. Harding High School, Warren, Ohio, Distinguished Alumni Award the 2010 Indiana University Alumni Association President's Award, a 2010 Indiana Lawyer Distinguished Barrister

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Award, the 2011 Indianapolis Bar Association Women and the Law Committee's Antoinette Dakin Leach Award, the 2011 David Hamacher Award from the Appellate Practice Section of the Indiana State Bar Association, a 2012 Indiana Business Journal Woman of Influence award, a 2014 Indiana Women's Commission Trailblazer award, one of five women to ever receive the special recognition as a "Trailblazer," a 2014 Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law Distinguished Alumni award, and a 2018 Indiana State Bar Association Litigation Section's Judicial Civility award.

Judge Robb was retained on the Court of Appeals in 2000 and 2010 and is married to a retired Purdue University professor. Their son, a graduate of the United States Naval Academy, is a Commander on active duty in the United States Navy.



## 110 | Judge Sanford M. Brook

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Sanford M. Brook obtained his law degree from Indiana University School of Law – Bloomington. Following law school, he served as an Assistant City Attorney and then as a Deputy Prosecuting Attorney in St. Joseph County, Indiana before he entered private practice.

Judge Brook served on the trial bench for 12 years in South Bend before he was appointed to the Court of Appeals of Indiana. He served as Chief Judge of the Court prior to his retirement in 2004. Following his retirement, he served as a senior judge for the Court of Appeals until the end of 2004.

Judge Brook has taught extensively in the areas of Evidence and Trial Advocacy. As an Adjunct Professor at the Notre Dame Law School he taught both basic and advanced trial advocacy courses. Judge Brook was appointed Adjunct Professor at the Indiana University Law School in Bloomington.

He has taught Evidence in the Indiana Bar Review Course, and advocacy for the National Institute for Trial Advocacy (NITA).

By appointment of the Chief Justice of the Indiana Supreme Court, Judge Brook served as Chair of the Indiana Judicial Ethics Committee. He is a member of the Indiana and Colorado Bar Associations.



## 111 | Judge Nancy H. Vaidik

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Nancy H. Vaidik is a judge and a teacher with broad experience in both trial and appellate courts and in legal classrooms. She has an expertise in trial advocacy and appellate advocacy, with a strong background in the rules of evidence and legal mediation.

Judge Vaidik was selected by her colleagues as chief judge of the Court of Appeals for a three-year term beginning Jan. 1, 2014. She was re-elected for a second term as chief judge ending December 31, 2019.

Judge Vaidik grew up in Portage, Indiana, and is a sixth-generation Hoosier who retains strong ties to her hometown. She graduated with high distinction from Valparaiso University in 1977, with a double major in political science and psychology, and then studied at Valparaiso University Law School, where she earned her Juris Doctor in 1980.

Her early years as deputy and then chief deputy Porter County prosecutor provided the grounding for her judicial career. As an attorney, she tried over seventy-five jury trials and founded the Porter County Victims Assistance Unit, the Porter County Sexual Assault Recovery Project, the Domestic Violence Service, and the Valparaiso University Law School Mediation Clinic. She also served on the Porter County Community Corrections Board and led a countywide task force that spearheaded the eventual construction of a new county jail. After serving as a prosecutor, she went into private practice and specialized in domestic relations, probate, municipal law, and general litigation. She represented Caring Place, Inc., a shelter for battered women in Valparaiso.

From 1992 to 2000, she served as the judge of the Porter Superior Court. During her tenure on the trial court, Judge Vaidik was awarded a wide range of honors including the 1996

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Indiana Domestic Violence Coalition Judge of the Year and the 1997 Indiana Judges Association Special Merit Award.

Judge Vaidik was appointed to the Court of Appeals in February 2000 by Governor Frank O'Bannon and was retained by election in 2002 and 2012. Because Judge Vaidik sees the Court of Appeals at the intersection of theoretical and practical law, she believes the Court should embody the highest degree of fairness and impartiality. This view informs her passion for teaching, as she feels that Hoosiers, and all litigants, deserve the finest possible legal advocacy on their behalf. Judge Vaidik also believes that legal writing must be distinguished by logical construction and clear, explanatory prose.

She is an adjunct professor at the Indiana University Maurer School of Law and won its 2011 Adjunct Professor of the Year Award. She has served as a visiting professor at the College of Law of England and Wales and taught as an adjunct professor at Valparaiso University Law School. She has taught at many law schools and for a number of organizations including the Indiana State Bar Association, the Indiana Legal Education Forum, and the Indiana Judicial Center. Judge Vaidik has trained lawyers involved in prosecuting Rwandan war crimes, Mexican lawyers prosecuting drug lords, and solicitor advocates seeking the rights of the audience in the High Courts in Belfast, Northern Ireland. She is particularly proud of her long association with the National Institute of Trial Advocacy, which honored her with its 2007 Robert Keeton Faculty Award. She is the co-author of the book, *Point Well Made: Oral Advocacy in Motions Practice*.

In addition to her Court of Appeals caseload and her teaching, Judge Vaidik is also actively involved in a wide variety of community, legal, and judicial organizations. She served on the State of Indiana Children's Peak Performance Commission and has held many posts with the Indiana Judges Association and Indiana Judicial Center. She has been chairperson of the Judicial Education and Community Relations Committees of the Indiana Judicial Center and is a member of the American Bar Association, Indiana State Bar Association, and Sagamore Inns of Court.

She has received many other awards and honors including the 2004 Indiana State Bar Association's Women in Law Achievement Award, the 2007 Indiana Lawyer Distinguished Barrister Award, the 2003 Paragon of Justice Award from Valparaiso University Law School, the Indianapolis Business Journal's Women of Influence, and the Sagamore of the Wabash Award from two Indiana governors.

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Judge Vaidik and her husband are the proud parents of twin daughters, one a medical doctor and one a lawyer, and they have three grandsons and one granddaughter, who can choose either profession.



## 112 | Judge Paul D. Mathias

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Paul D. Mathias is a fifth-generation Hoosier who deeply believes that Indiana is a special place to live. He is honored to serve on the Court of Appeals, where he strives daily to reflect and protect Hoosier values within the law

Judge Mathias practiced law in Fort Wayne, concentrating in construction law, personal injury, and appellate practice. He was appointed Referee of the Allen County Small Claims Court in 1985 and served as Judge of the Allen Superior Court from 1989-2000 when he was appointed to the Court of Appeals. He was retained by election to the court in 2002 and 2012.

Judge Mathias's professional achievements are rooted in a strong education. He attended public schools in Fort Wayne, where he was a National Merit Finalist and college scholarship recipient. In 1976 Judge Mathias graduated cum laude from Harvard University with a bachelor's degree in General Studies, concentrating in Government. He earned his law degree in 1979 from Indiana University School of Law-Bloomington, where he was a member of the Sherman Minton Moot Court Team and the Order of Barristers.

Judge Mathias was an officer of the Indiana Judges Association from 1993-1999 and its president from 1997-1999. He is deeply honored to be one of only 92 Hoosiers to receive the Centennial Service Award from the Indiana State Bar Association, and he was named a Sagamore of the Wabash by two governors.

Judge Mathias is keenly interested in the intersection of law and technology and often consults and speaks on tech topics to attorneys and judges. Since 2000, he has helped select

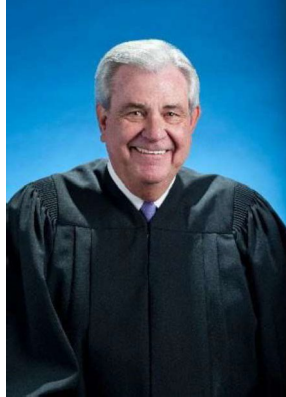
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and implement the Odyssey Case Management System that brought the management of Indiana's court records into the 21st Century. More recently, Judge Mathias has also been appointed to co-lead a statewide court technology effort, including implementation of e-filing.

Judge Mathias is a longtime supporter of *We the People*, a national civics education program sponsored in Indiana by the Indiana Bar Foundation. He coaches high school *We the People* teams in Indiana's 5th Congressional District and helps organize We the People competitions in the 3rd Congressional District. In 2010, he received the Indiana Bar Foundation's William G. Baker Civic Education Award for his contributions to civics education.

Judge Mathias has been married for more than 40 years and is the proud father of two sons who teach at the high school level in Indiana. His wife, Carlabeth, an Indiana public school teacher and counselor for 30 years, now has a private practice in which she counsels children and families and serves as a consultant to schools throughout Indiana.

Judge Mathias enjoys Apple computers and mobile devices, technology in general and photography. He also enjoys spending many Saturdays during the school year helping to build theatrical sets for Hamilton Southeastern High School.



## 113 | Judge Michael P. Barnes

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Michael P. Barnes was appointed to the Court of Appeals of Indiana in May 2000 after long service as the St. Joseph County Prosecuting Attorney. He was retained on the Court by election in 2002 and 2012 and served as Presiding Judge of the 3rd District from 2009 through 2011. In 2012 he wrote 144 majority opinions for the Court of Appeals.

Judge Barnes was born and raised in rural Illinois. He earned a B.A. in History at St. Ambrose College in Davenport, IA in 1970 and received his J.D. in 1973 from the University of Notre Dame Law School.

He practiced law from 1973-78 at the South Bend law firm of Voor, Jackson, McMichael and Allen, while also serving as Deputy Prosecuting Attorney. Voters chose him in 1978 to be the St. Joseph County Prosecuting Attorney, an office he held for 20 years over five elections. While prosecutor, he oversaw a staff of 65 and spearheaded development of the CASIE Center for child victims of physical and/or sexual abuse, which continues to serve the community.

Judge Barnes also created a domestic and family violence unit in the Prosecutor's office and launched a pretrial diversion program for nonviolent misdemeanor offenders that served as a model for successful state legislation. The domestic and family violence unit focused solely on crimes against women and children, including abuse and neglect.

Judge Barnes personally tried more than 25 murder and other major felony cases while overseeing a staff of 12 to 15 deputy prosecutors.

His efforts to collect delinquent child support payments garnered more than \$100 million for

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children in St. Joseph County. For those efforts, he received the Regional Director's Citation in 1989 and 1998 for innovative and effective child support enforcement from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, and in 1995 received the State Director's Award for Outstanding Child Support Program from the Indiana Family & Social Services Administration.

While Prosecutor, Judge Barnes was elected President of the National District Attorneys Association (1995-1996), Chairman of the Board, Indiana Prosecuting Attorneys Council (1982-1983, 1992-1993), President of the St. Joseph County Bar Association (1992-1993), National Board of Trial Advocacy (1995-1996), National Advisory Council on Violence Against Women (1997), Chairman of the Board of Regents, National College of District Attorneys (1997-1998), American Prosecutor's Research Institute (1997-1998), and various other professional and civic organizations.

The Indiana Victim Assistance Network honored him with its Special Advocate Award in 1989, and in 1998 he received the Eugene "Shine" Feller Award from the Indiana Prosecuting Attorneys Council.

Judge Barnes supported a wide range of community organizations, especially those that serve vulnerable populations. He was a longtime supporter of the LOGAN Center's annual Nose-On campaign and in 1986 received its Joseph J. Newman Award for Committed and Outstanding Advocacy on Behalf of Developmentally Disabled Individuals. He also served on the boards of the St. Joseph County Chapter of the American Cancer Society and the Alcoholism Council of St. Joseph County.

Judge Barnes was a member of the Indiana Bar Foundation, the St. Joseph County Bar Association, the Indiana State Bar Association, and the Illinois State Bar Association. Judge Barnes was married to Alberta Edwards Barnes, a retired educator. They have two sons. Tim is an attorney in Washington, D.C. He and his wife, Dawn, are the parents of Benjamin Patrick and John Walter Barnes. John is a TV producer for NBC Sports. He and his wife, Bess, are the parents of Addison Emily and Corinne Jordan Barnes. Ben, John, Adie, and Corinne are, of course, the world's most perfect grandchildren!

Judge Barnes lived in South Bend and was an avid baseball fan and reader. Judge Barnes retired from the Court on June 15, 2018 and served as a Senior Judge for the Court of Appeals until his death on May 22, 2020.

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## 114 | Judge Terry A. Crone

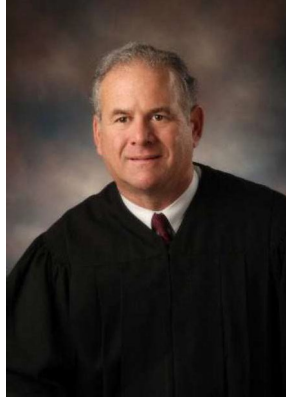
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Terry A. Crone was appointed to the Court of Appeals in 2004 by Governor Kernan. Raised in South Bend, Judge Crone was elected to 3 terms as Judge of The St. Joseph Circuit Court. He is a graduate of DePauw University and Notre Dame Law School.

Judge Crone is past President of St. Joseph County Bar Association, a former member of The Board of Managers of the Indiana Judges Association, The Supreme Court Committee on Character and Fitness, the Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee of The Indiana Judicial Conference, past chair of Appellate Practice Section of The Indiana State Bar Association and is a member of the St. Joseph County, Indianapolis, Marion County, Indiana State and American Bar Associations, the American Judicature Society, and the Phi Delta Phi Honorary Legal Society.

Judge Crone is a frequent speaker at legal education programs. He helped found a program in South Bend to familiarize minority high school students with the law and related fields and was a founding member of the South Bend Commission on the Status of African-American Males and the St. Joseph County Coalition Against Drugs. As Circuit Court judge, he also initiated the first Spanish-speaking program for public defenders in St. Joseph County.

Judge Crone was retained on the Court by election in 2006 and 2016. He is married and has three daughters – a practicing attorney, an anesthesiologist, and a doctor of psychology.



## 115 | Judge Cale J. Bradford

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Cale J. Bradford was appointed to the Court of Appeals by Governor Mitch Daniels and took his seat on August 1, 2007. Judge Bradford was selected by his colleagues as chief judge of the Court of Appeals for a three-year term beginning Jan. 1, 2020.

Prior to his elevation to the Court of Appeals, Judge Bradford served for more than 10 years as Judge of the Marion Superior Court, seven years in the criminal division and three in the civil division. He was twice elected presiding judge by his colleagues.

During this tenure, Judge Bradford chaired the Marion County Criminal Justice Planning Council, a group of local elected and appointed officials who recommended ways to improve the county's response to criminal justice problems, including jail overcrowding, staffing, and budget issues. His efforts led to the end of 30 years of federal oversight of the Marion County Jail and to security improvements at the county's Juvenile Detention Center.

Before joining the bench, Judge Bradford served in the Marion County Prosecutor's Office for two years, overseeing a staff of more than 100 attorneys. For five years, he was an Assistant United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, prosecuting major felony drug trafficking cases. He engaged in the private practice of law from 1986 to 1991, and served as both a deputy prosecutor and public defender during his career.

A native of Indianapolis, Judge Bradford received a B.A. in labor relations and personnel management from Indiana University-Bloomington in 1982 and his J.D. from the McKinney School of Law-Indianapolis in 1986. He is the Court of Appeals' liaison to the Indiana Judges Criminal Instructions Committee, which provides guidance to judges on

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jury instructions in criminal cases, and a former member of both the Indiana Judges Criminal Policy Committee and the Board of Directors of the Indiana State Judicial Conference.

He is a member of the McKinney School of Law Alumni Association Board; a Senior Distinguished Fellow of the Indianapolis Bar Association; and teaches at various seminars on a variety of legal topics. From 2005 to 2007, Judge Bradford hosted “Off the Bench with Judge Cale Bradford,” a legal commentary program on Marion County’s government access network. He also served on the Judicial Technology and Automation Committee (JTAC), helping to draft the state judiciary’s policies on technology and electronic case management. Judge Bradford currently serves as an adjunct instructor in forensic science and the law at Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis.

Judge Bradford is a former board member of Indianapolis’s John P. Craine House, a residential alternative to incarceration for women offenders with pre-school-aged children. Judge Bradford regularly attends St. Luke's United Methodist Church. He and his wife, a full-day kindergarten teacher, have five adult children and grandchildren.



## 116 | Judge Elaine B. Brown

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Elaine B. Brown was appointed to the Court of Appeals by Gov. Mitch Daniels in May 2008 and was retained by statewide vote in 2010. Before joining the Court, she was a trial court judge for over 15 years and practiced law for 11 years. She is the recipient of the 2020 Indiana Lawyer Distinguished Barrister Award, an adjunct faculty member of the Indiana University Maurer School of Law, a member of the Maurer School of Law Alumni Board, a 1996 graduate of the Indiana Judicial College, a 2012 graduate of the Indiana Graduate Program for Judges, and a Life Fellow of the American Bar Foundation. She is also the Presiding Judge of the Fifth District of the Court of Appeals.

Judge Brown served as judge of the Dubois Superior Court from 1987 to 1998 and from January, 2005 to May, 2008. In the years before and between her tenure on the bench, she practiced law in Jasper and in Evansville, first as an associate, then as a senior litigator, and last as a solo practitioner.

Judge Brown earned a bachelor's degree With Distinction from Indiana University in Bloomington, and her J.D. from the IU (now Maurer) School of Law in 1982. She was a teacher in the Jasper School Corporation for three years before entering law school. A large part of her professional focus during her years on the trial court bench was on substance abuse issues. She initiated a countywide Alcohol and Drug program, created the Dubois County Drug Court, formed the county's first Community Corrections Advisory Board, which oversees all work release, home detention, and community service programs, and served as President of the Dubois County Substance Abuse Council.

Judge Brown currently serves on the Indiana State Bar Association (ISBA) Appellate

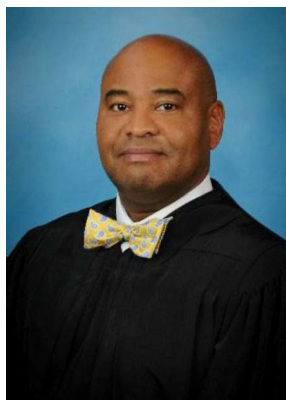
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Practice Section, the ISBA Judicial System Improvement Committee, the ISBA Attorney Fee Dispute Resolution Committee, the ISBA House of Delegates, and on the Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee of the Indiana Judicial Conference. She is a life member of the IU Alumnae Association, and, in honor of her father, is a longtime member of the American Legion Auxiliary.

Since 1998, Judge Brown has been an Indiana Registered Civil Mediator. She served on the Board of Directors of the Indiana Judicial Conference and on the Board of Managers of the Indiana Judges Association. She is a former member of the ISBA Mentor Match Volunteer Program, the Indiana Supreme Court Judges and Lawyers Assistance Program Committee, the Indiana Supreme Court Character and Fitness Committee, as well as the Judicial Administration Committee and the Appointed Judicial Officers Task Force of the Indiana Judicial Conference. She was a Leader in the Brooks Inn of Court in Evansville and a Benchner in the Sagamore Inn of Court in Indianapolis. She was an officer for four years of the Dubois County Bar Association, serving as President in 1985.

A 1993 graduate of the Richard G. Lugar Excellence in Public Service Series, she served on that organization's Board of Governors from 1993 to 1998. In 1992, Judge Brown received the Outstanding Young Hoosier Award from the Indiana Jaycees, one year after the Jaycees presented her with its Distinguished Service Award.

A Dubois County native, she is the proud mother of two children, a school principal and a physician-graduate of the IU School of Medicine; mother-in-law to an engineer and another physician- graduate of the IU School of Medicine; and a very involved grandmother of three little girls and one grandson.



## 117 | Judge Rudolph R. Pyle III

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Judge Rudolph R. Pyle III was appointed to the Court of Appeals of Indiana by Gov. Mitch Daniels and took his seat on Aug. 27, 2012.

A native of Rhode Island, Judge Pyle graduated from Anderson University in 1992 with degrees in history and political science. Immediately following graduation from Anderson University, Judge Pyle began his studies for a Masters Degree at the Thomas Jefferson Program in Public Policy at the College of William & Mary in Williamsburg, VA. This course of study focused on the “institutions and processes of public policy, the economic foundations of policy analysis, quantitative and statistical methods for analyzing policy, and a variety of specialized policy topics.”

Graduating in 1994, Judge Pyle returned to Indiana to become an Indiana State Trooper. Serving nearly four years, the Judge served the people of Indiana by patrolling our highways, investigating crimes, training new Troopers, and serving on the Tactical Intervention Platoon.

In 1997, Judge Pyle began his study and training to become an attorney at Indiana University Maurer School of Law-Bloomington. While at Indiana University, the Judge was an Indiana Conference for Legal Education Opportunities fellow and worked as a legal advisor for the Bloomington Police Dept. He was also inducted into Who’s Who Among American Law Students.

Admitted to the Indiana bar in 2000, Judge Pyle served four years as a judicial clerk for the Honorable Carr L. Darden at the Court of Appeals. During this time, the Judge was

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immersed in Indiana law, assisting in the researching and writing of opinions touching on criminal law, medical malpractice, contract law, family law, and constitutional law. Judge Pyle also has taught Public Policy; American National Government; Constitutional Law; Law, Politics & Society; and Criminal Law as an adjunct professor at Anderson University. He also is an adjunct faculty member at Indiana University Maurer School of Law and is an occasional guest lecturer at the Justice Academy of Turkey.

In 2004, Judge Pyle was appointed as a Deputy Prosecuting Attorney in Madison County. As a deputy prosecutor, the judge prosecuted major felony cases such as attempted murder, conspiracy to commit murder, robbery, child molest, rape, burglary, and theft. During this time, Judge Pyle also opened a private practice and gained valuable experience representing clients in a variety of criminal, civil, and corporate matters.

In 2009, Judge Pyle brought new energy to the Madison County Judiciary when Gov. Daniels appointed him as Judge of Madison Circuit Court. In November 2010, Judge Pyle was elected and retained his seat on the bench. During his tenure, Judge Pyle presided over major felony trials, directed the installation of wireless internet access, promoted the increased use of technology, produced television commercials promoting jury service, and was an advocate of problem-solving courts.

Judge Pyle enjoys motorcycle racing, playing piano, martial arts, and competitive marksmanship. Judge Pyle is the son of Rudolph and Caroline Pyle, and is the proud father of his son Seth.





## 118 | Judge Robert R. Altice, Jr.

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Robert R. Altice, Jr., was appointed to the Court of Appeals by Governor Mike Pence and began his service on Sept. 2, 2015.

Judge Altice earned his undergraduate degree from Miami University, Oxford, OH. Subsequently, he obtained a master's degree in criminal justice administration from the University of Central Missouri, where he was honored as "Graduate Student of the Year" in his department.

He received his law degree from the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law. Judge Altice's legal career began in Jackson County, MO, handling felony cases as a deputy prosecutor before being promoted to Chief Deputy Prosecutor for the Drug Unit. He then practiced with a Kansas City civil law firm, focusing on medical malpractice defense. After moving to Indianapolis, he joined the law firm of Wooden McLaughlin & Sterner, concentrating on insurance defense.

In 1994, Judge Altice returned to prosecution, handling a major felony caseload as a deputy prosecutor for the Marion County Prosecutor's Office. He served as Chief of the Felony Division from 1997 to 2000, prosecuting a number of high-profile felonies while also providing management support to 35 deputy prosecutors. Judge Altice briefly served as the Office's Chief Counsel, working with the Indiana General Assembly to amend laws on domestic battery and possession of firearms by violent felons. As a prosecutor, he tried more than 100 major felony jury trials, including 25 murder cases and countless bench trials. Judge Altice was elected to the Marion County bench in 2000 and presided over both criminal and civil dockets. As judge of Marion Superior Court, Criminal Division 2 from

2001 to 2012, he presided at 250 major felony jury trials, including 75 murder trials (seven death penalty cases).

While presiding over some of the most serious criminal matters in the state, Judge Altice also served as chair of the Marion Superior Court Criminal Term from 2005 to 2007, as a member of the Executive Committee for the Marion Superior Court from 2007 to 2009, and as Presiding Judge of the Marion Superior Court from 2009 to 2011. As the Presiding Judge, he was responsible for the administration of the Marion Superior Court, with an annual budget of \$50 million, and managed a court staff of more than 850 employees. He also hosted a TV show on the government access channel, titled “Off the Bench,” in which other civic leaders appeared as guests to discuss public affairs.

Judge Altice moved to the civil division of the Marion Superior Court in 2013, where he officiated at 15 civil jury trials in Superior Court 5. Judge Altice was appointed chair of the Marion Superior Court Civil Term in January 2015.

Throughout his judicial career, Judge Altice has held leadership roles in organizations that improve the administration of justice. He accepted special assignments from the Indiana Supreme Court on the Judicial Performance Task Force, which examined whether judicial evaluations might be useful in Indiana, and the Cameras in the Courtroom project, which allowed cameras in certain courtrooms under limited conditions. During Judge Altice’s tenure on the Marion County Community Corrections Advisory Board, the Duval Work Release Center in Marion County was built and opened.

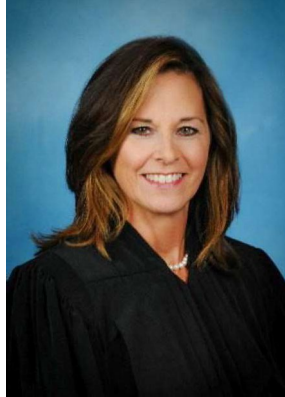
Judge Altice is a member of the Indiana Judges Association, the Indiana State Bar Association, and the Indianapolis Bar Association. He served on the Board of Directors of the Judicial Conference of Indiana, is a member and past president of the Sagamore American Inn of Court, was a member from 2010 to 2015 of the Indiana Judicial Conference Civil Bench Book Committee, and was a member and former chair of the Indiana Judicial Conference Community Relations Committee. In April 2015, Judge Altice was appointed to serve on an ad hoc Indiana Tax Court Advisory Task Force. He currently serves on the Tax Court Advisory Committee. Judge Altice is President of the Board of Directors for the Heartland Pro Bono District.

His community activities include prior service on the Board of Directors of these organizations: Indianapolis Police Athletic League; the Martin Luther King Community

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Development Corp.; and Coburn Place Safe Haven, a transitional housing facility for domestic abuse victims. Judge Altice also participated on the Super Bowl Legal Subcommittee. He is on the board of the Benjamin Harrison Presidential Site. He has presented on legal and ethical issues for the Indiana Continuing Legal Education Forum, the Indiana Judicial Center, and various Indiana bar associations. In his spare time, he enjoys gardening, golf and reading.

He and his wife, Kris, an attorney who is General Counsel for Shiel Sexton, have two adult children.



## 119 | Judge Elizabeth F. Tavitas

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Elizabeth F. Tavitas was appointed to the Court of Appeals by Governor Eric Holcomb and began her service on August 6, 2018.

Judge Tavitas received her B.A. degree, cum laude, from the University of Notre Dame in 1985, and earned her J.D. degree from Notre Dame Law School in 1990. She was admitted to the Indiana Bar; United States District Court, Northern District of Indiana; and United States District Court, Southern District of Indiana in 1990. She is a 2007 Indiana Judicial College graduate and a graduate of the 2012 Indiana Graduate Program for Judges. Judge Tavitas is also an adjunct Law Professor at IU McKinney School of Law.

Prior to her appointment to the Court of Appeals, Judge Tavitas served for more than 12 years as Judge of the Superior Court of Lake County, Civil Division. Judge Tavitas served as a deputy prosecutor in the Lake County Prosecutor's Office; served as a juvenile public defender in the Lake Superior Court, Juvenile Division; and maintained a private practice. In 1998, she was appointed to the position of referee in the Lake Superior Court, Juvenile Division, where she served until 2006. During that time, Judge Tavitas served on the Juvenile Benchbook Committee.

She served as Chair of the NWI Volunteer Lawyers, Inc. from 2007 through 2012, and served as a board member. She previously served as a judicial appointee member of the Indiana Pro Bono Commission from 2007 through 2012. She is a former board member of Indiana Legal Services, Inc. She was elected as a board member of the Notre Dame Law School Association in 2010. She served as a judicial appointee member of the Indiana Supreme Court Domestic Relations Committee from 2012 through 2018 and she now serves

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on the Indiana Civil Jury Instructions Committee and the Indiana State Bar Association, Appellate Practice Section Council. Judge Tavitas chairs the Indiana Family Law Taskforce and the Self Help Court Forms Working Group of the Coalition for Court Access.

Judge Tavitas is an active member of several national, state, and local bar associations. She has served as a moot court judge for the Notre Dame Law School Trial Advocacy Program, and as a judge for the "We the People" Program sponsored by the Indiana Bar Foundation. She has sponsored Guardian At Litem (GAL) training in order to ensure representation for children in domestic relations cases. She was named Most Influential Woman of Northwest Indiana in the Law in 2015 and was a recipient of a 2019 Fellows Award from the Indiana Bar Foundation. She is a frequent speaker for lawyers, judges, and court staff trainings throughout Indiana.

Her favorite activities include spending time with her three children and her two grandchildren. She enjoys reading, Notre Dame football games, traveling, hiking, and the arts.



## 120 | Judge Leanna K. Weissmann

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Leanna K. Weissmann was appointed to the Court of Appeals by Governor Eric Holcomb and began her service on September 14, 2020.

Judge Weissmann graduated cum laude from Indiana University in 1991 with dual Bachelor of Arts degrees in Journalism and English. As an undergraduate, she received the Indiana University alumni scholarship and the Louis B. Edwards Award of Excellence in Journalism. She then earned her law degree from Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law in 1994, graduating cum laude. From 1994-1995 she served as an appellate law clerk for Justice Robert D. Rucker (then judge for the Court of Appeals of Indiana).

Before joining the Court of Appeals, Judge Weissmann maintained a solo law practice in Lawrenceburg, Indiana for more than 20 years, representing criminal defendants and civil litigants in appellate litigation. In 2018, she participated in a successful petition to the United States Supreme Court to grant certiorari in *Zanders v. Indiana*, 138 S.Ct. 2702 (2018), a case involving a complex Fourth Amendment issue. She is a strong proponent of pro bono representation and ran a pro bono program through her appellate practice website that allowed needy participants to apply for free legal representation. A veteran of appellate advocacy, she briefed more than 400 appeals and participated in more than 20 oral arguments before the Indiana Court of Appeals and the Indiana Supreme Court.

Judge Weissmann served as a part-time judicial referee for Dearborn Superior Court 1 from 2000 to 2006, presiding over tenancy claims, small claims disputes, pro se civil trials, and initial hearings on criminal cases. In 2006, she was appointed by Governor Mitch Daniels as Trustee on the board of the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute (ICJI). She served in that

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capacity through 2008, helping to administer federal grant funds for criminal justice programs.

Her trial experience as an attorney includes three felony jury trials and hundreds of bench trials in the areas of collections, personal injury, custody issues, and real estate property boundaries. Judge Weissmann has also presided as a hearing officer over two attorney reinstatement cases.

She also served as an appellate advocate for Indiana's Juvenile Defense Project, a program aimed at improving access to justice for juveniles facing potential incarceration. She has been a member of the Indiana Supreme Court Disciplinary Commission since 2013, and, while chair of the Commission, she contributed to and organized the Commission's first ethics advisory opinion. In 2017, she was named a Fellow by the Indiana Bar Foundation for her efforts with the economically disadvantaged. She also authored the article, "An Independent Judiciary, the Shield of a Free Society, and published the American Bar Association Counsel of Appellate Lawyers' newsletter, *Appellate Issues*.

Judge Weissmann is an active member of the Indiana State Bar Association (ISBA), currently serving as the 1st District Representative for the Appellate Practice Section and past-chair of the Unauthorized Practice of Law Committee; the National Counsel of Law Disciplinary Board (NCLDB), the National Organization of Bar Counsel (NOBC), and the Dearborn/Ohio County Bar Association. She is a frequent speaker and facilitator for the Public Defender Council, has presented for the NCLDB, and is an adjunct professor at Ivy Tech Community College.

She regularly speaks and volunteers at area schools and her church and is a lifetime member of the Girl Scouts and the Indiana University Alumni Association.

In her free time, Judge Weissmann likes to read, write poetry, listen to podcasts, spend time with her college-aged children, meditate, and teach free aerobics classes. She enjoys running and recently finished her fourteenth half-marathon.



## 121 | Judge Derek R. Molter

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Derek R. Molter was appointed to the Court of Appeals by Governor Eric Holcomb and began his service on October 1, 2021. He is originally from Newton County.

Judge Molter received his B.A., with High Distinction, from Indiana University in 2004. While at I.U. he was elected to Phi Beta Kapp and was active in student government. He earned his J.D., *magna cum laude*, from Indiana University Maurer School of Law in 2007. While in law school, he was the Executive Notes & Comments Editor for the Indiana Law Journal and a member of the Order of the Coif.

Before joining the Court of Appeals, Judge Molter was a partner in the Litigation Practice Group at Ice Miller in Indianapolis. He led the appellate practice and handled appeals in state and federal courts throughout the United States. He was a member of the National Center for State Courts Lawyers Committee, the Council for Appellate Lawyers, the Indiana State Bar Association's Appellate Practice Section Counsel, the Indianapolis Bar Association, and he served a term as the Newton County Bar Association president. He also represented pro bono clients defending criminal charges and pursuing discrimination, civil rights, employment, and housing claims.

Prior to joining Ice Miller, he was an attorney in Washington, D.C. at Arnold & Porter LLP. He was also a law clerk for the Honorable Theresa Springmann with the United States District Court for the Northern District of Indiana, and during law school, he worked as a legal intern for the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on the Judiciary.

Judge Molter serves on the Board of Directors for the Indianapolis Legal Aid Society and is a member of the Indiana University College Alumni Board. On June 10, 2022, he was appointed to the Indiana Supreme Court by Governor Eric Holcomb. He was sworn in on September 1, 2022. His last day with the Court of Appeals was August 31, 2022

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## 122 | Judge Peter R. Foley

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Peter R. Foley was appointed to the Court of Appeals by Governor Eric Holcomb and began his service on October 11, 2022.

Judge Foley earned B.A. degrees in History and Criminal Justice from Indiana University, Bloomington in 1993, and his J.D. degree from the Indiana University McKinney School of Law, Indianapolis, in 1997.

After law school, Judge Foley returned to his hometown of Martinsville, Indiana, to join his father in the practice of law at Foley, Foley & Peden. Judge Foley's grandfather, Charles H. Foley, began the law firm in 1930. Judge Foley was engaged in the private practice of law in Martinsville for over 17 years, including 14 years as the county attorney for Morgan County. Judge Foley represented both individual and small businesses in civil matters, focusing on probate and estate planning, real estate, family law, and municipal law.

In 2014, Judge Foley was elected to serve as judge of the Morgan Superior Court 1. He served as a trial court judge from 2015 until his appointment to the Court of Appeals. During that time, Judge Foley conducted over 35 jury trials, ranging from misdemeanors to murder and civil matters. He presided over a mental health diversion program and was instrumental in developing a residential substance abuse treatment program within the Morgan County Jail (known as RSAP). Judge Foley secured grant funding to provide legal assistance to indigent parties in family law cases and to provide mediation services for low-income family law parties.

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Judge Foley remains a member of the Strategic Planning Committee for the Indiana Judicial Conference and has previously served on the Board of Directors, Probate Committee, and the Advisory Task Force on Remote Access and Privacy of Electronic Court Records. Judge Foley is a graduate of the Indiana Judicial College (2021) and the Indiana Graduate Program for Judges (2017/18). He is also a frequent presenter at continuing legal education events.

Judge Foley continues to reside in Martinsville with his wife and children and remains active in his community and church. In his free time, he enjoys traveling with his family, golf, and running, having completed 5 marathons and several half-marathons.



## 123 | Judge Dana J. Kenworthy

Dana J. Kenworthy was appointed to the Court of Appeals by Governor Eric Holcomb in December 2022, resulting in the first female majority in the Court's history. She is a lifelong Hoosier raised in Amboy and has devoted her entire career to public service.

Judge Kenworthy strongly values education and is a first-generation college graduate. Several scholarships allowed her to attend the Ball State University Honors College Program; she received a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology and Criminal Justice in 1998. In 2001, she graduated summa cum laude from Indiana University McKinney School of Law, while also working and commuting. She served on the Indiana International and Comparative Law Review, volunteered in the pro bono Civil Practice Clinic, and was a legal writing tutor.

From 2001 to 2010, Judge Kenworthy served as a Grant County Deputy Prosecutor, concentrating on cases involving child abuse, sexual assault, domestic violence, computer-facilitated crimes, and juvenile delinquency. She tried 28 criminal jury trials and hundreds of bench trials, ranging from misdemeanors to murder. During this time, she served as a guardian ad litem, course instructor for Finding Words (teaching how to interview children in a nonleading way), and coordinator for Grant County's Pro Bono Program. In 2005, she received the Indiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence's Outstanding Prosecutor Award, and in 2006 she received the Indiana Pro Bono Commission's Randall T. Shepard Award.

In 2010, the Indiana Supreme Court appointed her Judge Pro Tempore of Grant Superior Court 2. She served in that capacity in 2012 and was reelected twice thereafter. Her general

jurisdiction docket included criminal, civil, juvenile, family, and probate cases. She presided over hundreds of bench trials and 82 jury trials: 74 criminal felonies and 8 personal injury cases. In 2015, she established the Grant County Family Recovery Court (FRC)—a problem-solving court which provides intensive supervision and treatment services for Child in Need of Services families struggling with substance use disorder. Grant County FRC is known as the “gold standard” for FRCs in Indiana, and in 2021 was named one of eight Peer Learning Courts (PLC) in the United States.

Throughout her career, Judge Kenworthy has held numerous leadership positions in local, state, and national organizations aimed at improving the administration of justice, including as President of the Indiana Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges Board of Directors, National Center for State Courts Regional Judicial Opioid Initiative, and member of the Indiana Supreme Court’s Resuming Operations Task Force. She is a frequent presenter at conferences. In 2016, she received the Athena Award from the Grant County Chamber of Commerce.

Devoted to their community, Judge Kenworthy and her husband Alex have served as foster parents to fifteen children—infants to teenagers—from 2003 to 2006. In her spare time, she enjoys traveling to sites with historic significance, reading, cooking, exercising and spending quiet time at home.



## 124 | Judge Paul A. Felix

Paul A. Felix was appointed to the Court of Appeals by Governor Holcomb and began his service on July 28, 2023.

Judge Felix was born in Elkhart. He was raised in Greenwood and attended Whiteland schools. He earned a B.A. in Political Science from Indiana University and received his J.D. from the Indiana University Maurer School of Law.

Following graduation, Judge Felix served as a Deputy Prosecuting Attorney in the Johnson County Prosecutor's Office from 1995 to 2006. During his prosecuting career, he created the county's first Domestic Violence Unit, and led the prosecution of DV cases for three years. Afterwards, he focused on prosecuting major felony crimes when multiple Defendants were involved.

In 2007, Judge Felix was appointed to the Carmel City Court by Governor Mitch Daniels. In 2009, he was elected to serve as the Hamilton Circuit Court Judge, where he served for 14 years. In this role, helped create the Youth Assistance Program, and participated in the multi-jurisdictional *pro bono* district. Judge Felix is particularly proud of the Youth Assistance Program as it is one of the State's only judicial programs that focuses on the prevention of crime by providing youth with mentors, tutors, and wrap-around services. He led the county's Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiative which focuses on changing the juvenile delinquency system into an evidence-based, child-focused, result-oriented system. Additionally, he presided over the county's Drug Court which focuses on helping those seriously addicted to drugs and alcohol begin their recovery and sobriety.

Judge Felix serves as a board member for the Hamilton County Community Corrections and serves as an interviewer for the State Board of Law Examiners Committee on Character and Fitness. He frequently presents at judicial conferences on the topics of contempt, ethics, and the Indiana Trial Rules. He is a member of the Indiana Supreme Court Committee on Rules of Practice and Procedure.

Judge Felix is a member of the Indiana State Bar Association, served as Secretary of the Hamilton County Bar Association, and is a Bencher Member of the Sagamore American Inn of Court. He enjoys giving back to the Hamilton County Community and is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of Noblesville, a member of the board of managers for the YMCA of Fishers, and co-chair of the Alumni Network for the Boy Scouts of America.

He resides in Hamilton County with his wife and three children, and enjoys playing euchre, backgammon, and making beer, mead, and kombucha. He has struggled with keeping bees and promises to start his apiary again one day.



## 125 | Judge Mary A. DeBoer

Mary A. DeBoer grew up in Kalamazoo, Michigan until she permanently relocated to Valparaiso, Indiana in 1990. She graduated with honors from Western Michigan University in 1989 and Valparaiso University School of Law in 1993. Judge DeBoer served as a deputy prosecutor and then as magistrate for Starke and Porter Counties. Governor Eric J. Holcomb appointed her to the Porter Circuit Court in 2019, and then to the Court of Appeals of Indiana in September 2024.

Judge DeBoer has worked in both public service and private practice. As a private attorney, her focus was primarily on family law, personal injury and medical malpractice cases. Her thirteen-year career as a deputy prosecutor reinforced her desire to protect vulnerable individuals and serve her community as a whole. Her work in the criminal arena provided her with invaluable jury trial experience, as she worked with juveniles and adults on cases spanning from infractions to murder. From 2007 to 2010, her service as a deputy prosecutor was focused on domestic and family violence in Starke County. While serving as a judicial officer, Judge DeBoer created and implemented programs to provide access to the courts and to help litigants in the civil, criminal, and juvenile arenas. As a Porter Superior Court Magistrate, she started a family law facilitation program for indigent litigants to resolve dissolution issues. Following her appointment to the Porter Circuit Court in 2020, she led the Domestic Violence Committee in Porter County until 2024, bringing together numerous community partners to collaborate on domestic and family violence issues. She created two evidence-based juvenile problem-solving courts, each the first of its kind in the State of Indiana: a Truancy Court and a Transformation (mental health) Court. Her desire to find ways to connect youth struggling with delinquency with positive community mentors also led to the creation of an Immersion Through the Arts

Program.

Judge DeBoer has earned a Certified Court Manager Certification and presents regularly to judges, lawyers and undergraduate students at various schools and organizations. She has served on the Indiana Judges Association Board of Managers and was the Chairperson for the Criminal Benchbook Committee of the Indiana Office of Court Services as well as a member of the Community Relations and Strategic Planning Committees.

Active community involvement is very important to Judge DeBoer. She is a member of the National Association of Women Judges, Women Lawyers Association, the Indiana Bar Association as well as the Porter and Lake County Bar Associations. Outside of the legal realm, Judge DeBoer is active in Kiwanis and community theater.

Judge DeBoer and her husband are the parents of three daughters and one granddaughter. Their son Daane lost his life in Afghanistan serving in the Marines.





## 126 | Judge Stephen E. Scheele

In December 2024, Governor Eric Holcomb appointed Stephen E. “Sam” Scheele to represent Indiana’s 3rd (northern) District in the Court of Appeals of Indiana. Judge Scheele’s service began on January 8, 2024.

A Lake County native, Judge Scheele earned his B.A. (International Studies/Political Science) from the University of Denver in 1993 and his J.D. from Indiana University’s Maurer School of Law in 1996. From 1996-1997, Judge Scheele participated in a year-long legal fellowship in Germany, which included an externship with the German Ministry of Justice and work at a Berlin law firm. He returned to Lake County in the fall of 1997 to practice law.

Throughout the next 20 years, Judge Scheele developed a wide-ranging legal practice in Indiana’s state and federal courts. Practice areas included insurance defense, municipal law, general civil litigation and public defender work. Clients included individuals, corporations and municipalities. Professional associations included membership and leadership in the Calumet American Inns of Court, the Lake County and Indiana State Bar Associations, and service to the Local Rules Advisory Committee for the United States District Court for the Northern District of Indiana.

In 2016, Judge Scheele was sworn to serve as a magistrate in the Lake Circuit Court. In 2019, Governor Eric Holcomb appointed Judge Scheele to preside over Room 5 of the Lake Superior Court’s Civil Division, where he was retained by Lake County voters in 2022. Judge Scheele presided in Room 5 until his elevation to the Court of Appeals in 2025.

As a judicial officer, Judge Scheele served as a member (2017-2023) and chair (2019- 2023) of our Supreme Court's Committee on Alternative Dispute Resolution, and currently serves its Innovation Committee. Judge Scheele also served as our judiciary's 2022 delegate to the National Judicial College's Climate Judiciary Project. He is a graduate of the Indiana Judicial College (2021) and is presently enrolled in the Graduate Program for Indiana Judges (2024-2025). Judge Scheele regularly presents to students, lawyers and judges on topics that have included the probate code, climate science, ethics, criminal law, civil procedure and the Indiana Trial Rules.

Privately, Judge Scheele has served as a volunteer firefighter, youth baseball coach, Scouting America adult volunteer and parent volunteer at his children's schools. Judge Scheele resides in Lake County with his wife and children, with whom he enjoys exploring near and distant state and national parks and spending time on their Pulaski County farm.