

**2009 REPORT**  
**RESOLUTION**  
**IN MEMORY OF**  
**THE HONORABLE HARRY B. ARON**

The Honorable Harry B. Aron, former associate judge for the Circuit Court of Cook County, passed away November 5, 2008.

Judge Aron was born May 1, 1919, in Chicago, Illinois. He received his law degree from DePaul University College of Law, and was admitted to the bar in 1947. Judge Aron became an associate judge for the Circuit Court of Cook County in 1980. He retired from the bench December 31, 1995.

The Illinois Judicial Conference extends to the family of Judge Aron its sincere expression of sympathy.

RESOLUTION

IN MEMORY OF

**THE HONORABLE JAMES McNABB BUMGARNER**

The Honorable James McNabb Bumgarner, former circuit judge for the Tenth Judicial Circuit, passed away April 3, 2009.

Judge Bumgarner was born September 13, 1919, in Peru, Illinois. He received his law degree from the University of Illinois College of Law in 1946, and was admitted to the bar that same year. Judge Bumgarner was appointed a circuit judge March 1, 1979, and was elected to the position in 1980. He retired December 4, 1989, and was recalled to the bench from January 1, 1992 - December 6, 1992, and May 1, 1995 - August 15, 1995.

The Illinois Judicial Conference extends to the family of Judge Bumgarner its sincere expression of sympathy.

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**THE HONORABLE CHARLES A. COVEY**

The Honorable Charles A. Covey, former associate judge for the Tenth Judicial Circuit, passed away July 19, 2009.

Judge Covey was born May 12, 1933, in Peoria, Illinois. He received his law degree from the University of Illinois College of Law in 1960, and was admitted to the bar that same year. Judge Covey served as an assistant State's Attorney, while also serving as the city attorney for Chillicothe from 1962 - 1964. He was appointed an associate judge for the Tenth Judicial Circuit in 1983, retiring from that position September 1, 1995. Judge Covey was recalled to the bench from October 1, 2001 - December 1, 2002.

The Illinois Judicial Conference extends to the family of Judge Covey its sincere expression of sympathy.

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IN MEMORY OF

**THE HONORABLE DAVID DeDONCKER**

The Honorable David DeDoncker, former circuit judge for the Fourteenth Judicial Circuit, passed away January 6, 2009.

Judge DeDoncker was born December 13, 1932. He became a circuit judge for the Fourteenth Judicial Circuit December 6, 1976. Judge DeDoncker retired December 4, 1988.

The Illinois Judicial Conference extends to the family of Judge DeDoncker its sincere expression of sympathy.

**2009 REPORT**  
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**THE HONORABLE WILLIAM P. DENNY**

The Honorable William P. Denny, former circuit judge for the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit, passed away October 7, 2008.

Judge Denny was born August 24, 1932, in Peru, Illinois. He received his law degree from The John Marshall Law School in 1960, and was admitted to the bar that same year. Judge Denny was an assistant state's attorney for LaSalle County from 1960 - 1965. He became a magistrate for the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit in 1965, and an associate judge in 1971. In 1972, Judge Denny was appointed a circuit judge, retiring from that position.

The Illinois Judicial Conference extends to the family of Judge Denny its sincere expression of sympathy.

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IN MEMORY OF

**THE HONORABLE WILLIAM A. GINOS, JR.**

The Honorable William A. Ginos, Jr., former circuit judge for the Fourth Judicial Circuit, passed away September 27, 2008.

Judge Ginos was born August 5, 1920, in Hillsboro, Illinois. He received his law degree from the University of Illinois College of Law in 1948, and was admitted to the bar that same year. Judge Ginos was a county court judge in Montgomery County from 1950 - 1964, and became an associate judge for the Fourth Judicial Circuit in 1964. He became a circuit judge for the Fourth Circuit, retiring from that position December 3, 1978.

The Illinois Judicial Conference extends to the family of Judge Ginos its sincere expression of sympathy.

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**THE HONORABLE MYRON T. GOMBERG**

The Honorable Myron T. Gomberg, former circuit judge for the Circuit Court of Cook County, passed away April 2, 2009.

Judge Gomberg was born April 21, 1929, in Chicago, Illinois. He received his law degree from DePaul University College of Law in 1952, and was admitted to the bar that same year. Judge Gomberg served mainly in the private sector before becoming an associate judge for the Circuit Court of Cook County in 1972. He was appointed a circuit judge in 1977, and was subsequently elected to that position in 1978. Judge Gomberg retired from the bench July 5, 1992.

The Illinois Judicial Conference extends to the family of Judge Gomberg its sincere expression of sympathy.

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**IN MEMORY OF**

**THE HONORABLE FREDERICK S. GREEN**

The Honorable Frederick S. Green, former appellate court judge for the Fourth District, passed away October 10, 2008.

Judge Green was born November 23, 1923, in Champaign, Illinois. He received his law degree from the University of Illinois College of Law in 1951, and was admitted to the bar that same year. Judge Green was in private practice until 1956, when he became a county judge for Champaign County. He became a circuit judge for the Sixth Judicial Circuit in 1964, and remained in that position until 1974, when he was elected to the Fourth District Appellate Court. He retired from the bench December 6, 1998.

The Illinois Judicial Conference extends to the family of Judge Green its sincere expression of sympathy.

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**THE HONORABLE ROY O. GULLEY**

The Honorable Roy O. Gully, former circuit judge for the Second Judicial Circuit, passed away August 8, 2008.

Judge Gulley was born July 2, 1924, in Sesser, Illinois. He received his law degree from the University of Illinois College of Law, and was admitted to the bar in 1948. Judge Gulley served as a county judge in Franklin County from 1950 - 1954, and served as a circuit judge for the Second Judicial Circuit from 1957 - 1967. He resigned from the bench December 31, 1967, to accept the appointment as Director of the Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts. He remained in that position until December 22, 1985.

The Illinois Judicial Conference extends to the family of Judge Gulley its sincere expression of sympathy.

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IN MEMORY OF

**THE HONORABLE JOHN J. HOGAN**

The Honorable John J. Hogan, former associate judge for the Circuit Court of Cook County, passed away April 13, 2009.

Judge Hogan was born July 2, 1916, in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. He received his law degree from The John Marshall Law School in 1941, and was admitted to the bar that same year. Judge Hogan served in both the public and private sectors before becoming an associate judge for the Circuit Court of Cook County in 1972. He retired November 30, 1984.

The Illinois Judicial Conference extends to the family of Judge Hogan its sincere expression of sympathy.

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**THE HONORABLE RICHARD S. KELLY**

The Honorable Richard S. Kelly, former associate judge for the Circuit Court of Cook County, passed away June 14, 2009.

Judge Kelly was born January 18, 1925, in Chicago, Illinois. He received his law degree from Northwestern University School of Law in 1951, and was admitted to the bar that same year. Judge Kelly served in both the public and private sectors prior to becoming an associate judge for the Circuit Court of Cook County in 1984. He retired September 30, 1999.

The Illinois Judicial Conference extends to the family of Judge Kelly its sincere expression of sympathy.

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IN MEMORY OF

THE HONORABLE BYRON E. KOCH

The Honorable Byron E. Koch, former circuit judge for the Seventh Judicial Circuit, passed away May 17, 2009.

Judge Koch was born June 9, 1917, in Jacksonville, Illinois. He received his law degree from the University of Illinois College of Law, and was admitted to the bar in 1950. Judge Koch was a county judge for Scott County from 1950 to 1964, and became an associate judge for the Seventh Judicial Circuit in 1964. He retired as a circuit judge, December 4, 1978. Judge Koch was recalled to the bench from April 1, 1980 - June 20, 1980.

The Illinois Judicial Conference extends to the family of Judge Koch its sincere expression of sympathy.

**2009 REPORT**  
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**THE HONORABLE DELMAR O. KOEBEL**

The Honorable Delmar O. Koebel, former circuit judge from the Twentieth Judicial Circuit, passed away February 11, 2009.

Judge Koebel was born January 30, 1926, in Lebanon, Illinois. He received his law degree from Washington University Law School in 1953, and was admitted to the bar that same year. Judge Koebel served mainly in the public sector before becoming a circuit judge in 1976. He resigned from the bench December 3, 1978.

The Illinois Judicial Conference extends to the family of Judge Koebel its sincere expression of sympathy.

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**IN MEMORY OF**

**THE HONORABLE JAMES P. McCOURT**

The Honorable James P. McCourt, former associate judge for the Circuit Court of Cook County, passed away May 21, 2009.

Judge McCourt was born June 7, 1924, in Chicago, Illinois. He received his law degree from DePaul University College of Law in 1953, and was admitted to the bar that same year. Judge McCourt served in the House of Representatives for the Eleventh District from 1973 to 1981. He became an associate judge for the Circuit Court of Cook County in 1981, retiring from that position September 30, 1997.

The Illinois Judicial Conference extends to the family of Judge McCourt its sincere expression of sympathy.

**2009 REPORT**  
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**THE HONORABLE JOHN J. NELLIGAN**

The Honorable John J. Nelligan, former circuit judge for the Eighteenth Judicial Circuit, passed away September 24, 2008.

Judge Nelligan was born April 10, 1928, in Chicago, Illinois. He received his law degree from Loyola University Chicago School of Law in 1953, and was admitted to the bar that same year. Judge Nelligan served in both the public and private sectors before being appointed an associate judge for the Eighteenth Judicial Circuit, July 1, 1979. He was appointed a circuit judge December 5, 1988, and then elected to that position December 3, 1990. Judge Nelligan retired from the bench July 3, 1995. He was recalled to the bench from September 4, 2001 - February 28, 2002, and September 13, 2004 - March 11, 2006.

The Illinois Judicial Conference extends to the family of Judge Nelligan its sincere expression of sympathy.

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**IN MEMORY OF**

**THE HONORABLE SANDRA R. OTAKA**

The Honorable Sandra R. Otaka, former circuit judge for the Circuit Court of Cook County, passed away June 6, 2009.

Judge Otaka was born January 20, 1952, in California. She was admitted to the bar November 18, 1987. Judge Otaka was appointed a Cook County Circuit Judge in 2000, and elected to that position in 2002. She was the first Asian-American elected as a Cook County Judge.

The Illinois Judicial Conference extends to the family of Judge Otaka its sincere expression of sympathy.

**2009 REPORT**  
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**THE HONORABLE WILLIAM P. PRENDERGAST**

The Honorable William P. Prendergast, former circuit judge for the Circuit Court of Cook County, passed away August 24, 2008.

Judge Prendergast was born July 13, 1940, in Evergreen Park, Illinois. He received his law degree from IIT/Chicago-Kent College of Law in 1971, and was admitted to the bar that same year. Judge Prendergast was a patent attorney for Minor Enterprise, Inc. from 1970 - 1971 and served as an assistant State's Attorney for Cook County from 1970 - 1979. He served as an associate judge for the Circuit Court of Cook County from 1979 - 1984. He became a circuit judge in 1984, retiring from that position February 11, 2000.

The Illinois Judicial Conference extends to the family of Judge Prendergast its sincere expression of sympathy.

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IN MEMORY OF

**THE HONORABLE JAMES F. QUETSCH**

The Honorable James F. Quetsch, former appellate court judge for the Second District, passed away January 21, 2009.

Judge Quetsch was born November 13, 1933, in Oak Park, Illinois. He received his law degree from IIT/Chicago-Kent College of Law in 1959, and was admitted to the bar that same year. Judge Quetsch was appointed an associate judge for the Sixteenth Judicial Circuit in 1975. He was appointed a circuit judge in 1979, a position to which he was later elected. Judge Quetsch was appointed to the Second District Appellate Court, December 31, 1992, a position he remained in until his retirement December 4, 1994.

The Illinois Judicial Conference extends to the family of Judge Quetsch its sincere expression of sympathy.

**2009 REPORT**  
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**THE HONORABLE JERRY S. RHODES**

The Honorable Jerry S. Rhodes, former circuit judge for the Seventh Judicial Circuit, passed away November 15, 2008.

Judge Rhodes was born August 21, 1932, in Sisterville, W. Virginia. He received his law degree from IIT/Chicago-Kent College of Law, and was admitted to the bar in 1962. Judge Rhodes became a magistrate for the Seventh Judicial Circuit in 1965, and an associate judge in 1971. He was appointed a circuit judge in 1981. Judge Rhodes retired September 30, 1987.

The Illinois Judicial Conference extends to the family of Judge Rhodes its sincere expression of sympathy.

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IN MEMORY OF

**THE HONORABLE BRADNER C. RIGGS**

The Honorable Bradner C. Riggs, former circuit judge for the Seventeenth Judicial Circuit, passed away October 23, 2008.

Judge Riggs was born May 2, 1924, in Jersey City, New Jersey. He received his law degree from George Washington University, in Washington, D.C. in 1952. He was admitted to the Illinois bar in 1974. From 1952 to 1974, Judge Riggs was a special agent with the Federal Bureau of Investigation. From 1974 to 1978, he was an assistant State's Attorney in Winnebago County. He became an associate judge for the Seventeenth Judicial Circuit in 1978, retired from that position December 30, 1988, and was recalled to the bench October 1, 1990 - December 15, 1990. He was appointed a circuit judge in 1995, and retired from that position December 1, 1996.

The Illinois Judicial Conference extends to the family of Judge Riggs its sincere expression of sympathy.

**2009 REPORT**  
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**THE HONORABLE HOWARD C. RYAN**

The Honorable Howard C. Ryan, former Illinois Supreme Court Justice for the Third District, passed away December 10, 2008.

Justice Ryan was born June 17, 1916, in Tonica, Illinois. He received his law degree from the University of Illinois College of Law in 1942, and was admitted to the bar that same year. Justice Ryan served in both the public and private sectors prior to joining the bench as a county judge for LaSalle County in 1954. He then became a circuit judge for the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit in 1957, and was elected an appellate judge for the Third District in 1968. He served as a Supreme Court Justice from 1970 until his retirement December 2, 1990.

The Illinois Judicial Conference extends to the family of Justice Ryan its sincere expression of sympathy.

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**IN MEMORY OF**

**THE HONORABLE JOSEPH SCHNEIDER**

The Honorable Joseph Schneider, former circuit judge for the Circuit Court of Cook County, passed away May 18, 2009.

Judge Schneider was born January 11, 1922, in St. Louis, Missouri. He received his law degree from The John Marshall Law School in 1956, and was admitted to the bar that same year. Judge Schneider served as a magistrate for the Circuit Court of Cook County, later becoming an associate judge in 1971. In 1973, he became a circuit judge, and retired March 15, 1992.

The Illinois Judicial Conference extends to the family of Judge Schneider its sincere expression of sympathy.

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**THE HONORABLE GLENN K. SEIDENFELD**

The Honorable Glenn K. Seidenfeld, former appellate court judge for the Second District, passed away September 4, 2008.

Judge Seidenfeld was born February 24, 1914, in Waukegan, Illinois. He received his law degree from the University of Michigan Law School in 1938, and was admitted to the bar that same year. Judge Seidenfeld served mainly in the public sector prior to becoming a circuit judge for the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit in 1963. He served as chief judge for the Nineteenth Circuit from 1964 - 1967. Judge Seidenfeld was assigned to the Second District Appellate Court in 1967, and appointed in 1973. Judge Seidenfeld retired December 2, 1984.

The Illinois Judicial Conference extends to the family of Judge Seidenfeld its sincere expression of sympathy.

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IN MEMORY OF

**THE HONORABLE ROBERT S. SMITH, JR.**

The Honorable Robert S. Smith, Jr., former associate judge for the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit, passed away November 10, 2008.

Judge Smith was born May 20, 1944. He received his law degree from Loyola University Chicago School of Law in 1971, and was admitted to the bar that same year. Judge Smith served as an assistant State's Attorney for Lake County from 1972 - 1976. Prior to being appointed an associate judge for the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit in 2007, he was in private practice.

The Illinois Judicial Conference extends to the family of Judge Smith its sincere expression of sympathy.

**2009 REPORT**  
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**IN MEMORY OF**  
**THE HONORABLE JOSEPH R. SPITZ**

The Honorable Joseph R. Spitz, former appellate judge for the Fourth District, passed away May 9, 2009.

Judge Spitz was born May 26, 1924, in Mattoon, Illinois. He received his law degree from the University of Illinois College of Law in 1951, and was admitted to the bar that same year. Judge Spitz served as a justice of the peace for Coles County from 1960 - 1965. In 1977, he was appointed a circuit judge for the Fifth Judicial Circuit. Judge Spitz was assigned to the Fourth District Appellate Court in 1985, and retired from that position September 30, 1991.

The Illinois Judicial Conference extends to the family of Judge Spitz its sincere expression of sympathy.

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**IN MEMORY OF**

**THE HONORABLE EARL E. STRAYHORN**

The Honorable Earl E. Strayhorn, former circuit judge for the Circuit Court of Cook County, passed away February 15, 2009.

Judge Strayhorn was born April 24, 1918, in Columbus, Mississippi. During World War II, Judge Strayhorn was an artillery officer with the famed Tuskegee Airmen. He received his law degree from DePaul University College of Law in 1948, and was admitted to the bar that same year. He served mainly in the public sector until becoming a circuit judge for the Circuit Court of Cook County in 1970. He retired from the bench December 6, 1998.

The Illinois Judicial Conference extends to the family of Judge Strayhorn its sincere expression of sympathy.

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**THE HONORABLE FRED G. SURIA, JR.**

The Honorable Fred G. Suria, Jr., former circuit judge for the Circuit Court of Cook County, passed away July 11, 2009.

Judge Suria was born September 16, 1927, in Chicago, Illinois. He was admitted to the bar in 1953. Judge Suria became an associate judge for the Circuit Court of Cook County in 1964. He was appointed a circuit judge in 1977, and elected to that position in 1982. He spent forty-four years on the bench, beginning his career in 1962, as a justice of the peace in Midlothian, Illinois. He became known as "Fair Fred." Judge Suria retired from the bench July 31, 2006.

The Illinois Judicial Conference extends to the family of Judge Suria its sincere expression of sympathy.

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IN MEMORY OF

**THE HONORABLE J. SCOTT SWAIM**

The Honorable J. Scott Swaim, former associate judge for the Twenty-First Judicial Circuit, passed away February 22, 2009.

Judge Swaim was born November 3, 1946, in Rensselear, Indiana. He received his law degree from Tulane University Law School, and was admitted to the bar in 1972. Judge Swaim was in private practice from 1972 until 2002. He was appointed an associate judge for the Twenty-First Judicial Circuit in 2003.

The Illinois Judicial Conference extends to the family of Judge Swaim its sincere expression of sympathy.

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**THE HONORABLE JOHN V. VIRGILIO**

The Honorable John V. Virgilio, former circuit judge for the Circuit Court of Cook County, passed away April 4, 2009.

Judge Virgilio was born December 28, 1938, in Chicago, Illinois. He received his law degree from DePaul University College of Law, and was admitted to the bar in 1966. Judge Virgilio served mainly in the public sector until becoming an associate judge for the Circuit Court of Cook County in 1977. He became a circuit judge in 1980, and remained in that position until his retirement December 6, 1998.

The Illinois Judicial Conference extends to the family of Judge Virgilio its sincere expression of sympathy.

RESOLUTION

IN MEMORY OF

**THE HONORABLE ALBERT G. WEBBER, III**

The Honorable Albert G. Webber, III, former appellate judge for the Fourth District, passed away February 12, 2009.

Judge Webber was born March 15, 1921, in Decatur, Illinois. He received his law degree from the University of Michigan Law School, and was admitted to the bar in 1949. Judge Webber became a circuit judge for the Sixth Judicial Circuit in 1966. He was assigned to the Fourth District Appellate Court September 1, 1977. Judge Webber resigned December 31, 1986.

The Illinois Judicial Conference extends to the family of Judge Webber its sincere expression of sympathy.

**2009 REPORT**  
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**THE HONORABLE THOMAS J. WYNN**

The Honorable Thomas J. Wynn, former associate judge for the Circuit Court of Cook County, passed away September 3, 2008.

Judge Wynn was born August 30, 1918, in Chicago, Illinois. He received his law degree from DePaul University College of Law in 1942, and was admitted to the bar that same year. Judge Wynn was appointed an associate judge for the Circuit Court of Cook County in 1979. He retired June 30, 1995, and was recalled to the bench July 1, 1995 - December 11, 1996.

The Illinois Judicial Conference extends to the family of Judge Wynn its sincere expression of sympathy.