

The New Separate and Unequal: Educating and Serving Troubled Youth

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JUDGE DAVID B. MITCHELL, (Ret.), is the Executive Director of the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges, Reno, Nevada. Prior to his retirement in November 2001, he was an Associate Judge of the Baltimore City Circuit Court, Baltimore, Maryland.

Judge Mitchell was appointed to Maryland's Eighth Judicial Circuit in 1984, re-elected in 1986, and served in the jurisdiction until his retirement in November 2001. Although he most recently served as the Administrative Judge of the Criminal Division, he served as Judge-in-Charge of Baltimore's Juvenile Division from 1984 to 1995, where his accomplishments included enlisting volunteer advocates for children in the system, computerizing court records, and working for a new Juvenile Justice Center.

Education:

Columbia University School of Law, New York City, New York, 1970.
Admitted to Bar of Maryland, December 11, 1970.
Fisk University, Nashville, Tennessee, B.A. degree, 1967.
The Peddie School, Highstown, New Jersey, 1963.
Recipient of the Lawrence S. Greenbaum Prize for Appellate Advocacy, 1968.

Professional Experiences:

Circuit Court for Baltimore City, Baltimore, Maryland, 1984 to 2001.
Editorial Advisory Board, Center for the Future of Children, The David and Lucile Packard Foundation, 1994-1999 (approximate).
Adjunct Professor, (Legal Writing), University of Baltimore School of Law, Baltimore, Maryland, 1993-94 (approximate).
Mitchell, Gibson & Lee (later Mitchell & Lee, PA), Baltimore, Maryland, 1973-84.
Office of the Public Defender, Baltimore, Maryland, 1973-74 (trial attorney, Juvenile Division).
State Attorney's Office of Baltimore City, Baltimore, Maryland, 1970-73.
Brown, Allen & Josey, Baltimore, Maryland, 1970-72.

Professional Activities & Memberships

Standing Committee on Rules of Practice and Procedure.
Commissioner, Attorney Grievance Commission of Maryland.
Character Committee of the Court of Appeals.
Bar Association of Baltimore City.
Maryland State Bar Association (Member, Board of Governors).
Monumental City Bar Association (All officer positions except president).
American Association of Hospital Attorneys.
National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges:
 Member, Board of Trustees
 Chairman, Metropolitan Court Judges Committee
 Host, 53rd Annual Conference, 1995
 Lecturer, National College of Juvenile and Family Law
 Chairman, Advisory Board, Department of Juvenile Services
 Member, Joint Legislative and Judicial Committee on "Oversight of the Department of Juvenile Services."
American Society of Association Executives
National Association of Counsel for Children
National Association of State Judicial Educators
Washoe County Bar Association
National Advisory Board Member, National Children's Law Office Project

Civic Activities:

Board of Trustees, Jentry McDonald Home for Children
Board of Trustees, The Peddie School, New Jersey
Founder and member of Board of Trustees, Baltimore Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) Program
Chairman, Board of Trustees, Fort Smallwood Marine Institute, Inc.
Associate Marine Institutes, Inc., Tampa, Florida:
 Member and Chairman, Program Development Committee
 Member and Chairman, Human Resources and Risk Management Committee.
 Member and Chairman, Executive Committee
 Member and Chairman, Board of Trustees
Associate Marine Institutes Foundation, Inc.
Florida Environmental Institute, Inc.
Intergovernmental Relations Committee, United Way of Central Maryland

Member and Chairman, Board of Trustees, Baraka School, Nairobi, Kenya
Board of Advisors, Federal Pre-Trial Release Program
Founder and Chairman, Criminal Justice Coordinating Council of Baltimore City, Baltimore, Maryland
National Crime Prevention Council
African-American Family Consortium, Associated Black Charities
Fisk University Club of Baltimore, Past President and current Vice President
Member, Board of Trustees, Washoe County CASA Association
Member, Board of Trustees, ACLU of Nevada

Born in The Bronx, New York, Judge Mitchell is married to Diane Thomas Mitchell. He has three grown children and two grandchildren. He now resides in Reno, Nevada.

Memberships - Since January 2002

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