

DeLAWRENCE BEARD

BIRTH DATE: December 26, 1937 BIRTHPLACE: Okalona, Arkansas

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WIFE: Lillian McLean Beard, M.D.

MILITARY: United States Navy 1957 - 1959
Honorable Discharge

EDUCATION: Masters of Law 1977
Georgetown University Law Center
Washington, D.C.

Juris Doctor, 1970
University of Baltimore, School of Law
Baltimore, Maryland

Bachelor of Arts, 1964 (Political Science)
University of Missouri, College of Liberal Arts
Columbia, Missouri

CURRENT POSITION: ***Chief Judge, Sixth Judicial Circuit of Maryland***
1996 - present

Associate Judge, Sixth Judicial Circuit of Maryland
1984 - 1996

Presiding judge in general jurisdiction court. The amount in controversy and the relief sought are limited in civil matters; conduct criminal felony and civil trials; all matters are both jury and non-jury. As a Circuit Court Judge I also hear appeals taken from the decisions of the various review boards of both state and county agencies including the Maryland Tax Court where redress sought often includes requests of remand for further hearing, writs of mandamus and injunctive relief; in addition, the Circuit Court is the appellate court for the Maryland District Court.

FORMER POSITIONS: ***Judge, District Court for Montgomery County, Maryland, 1982 -1984***

Presided in limited jurisdiction court in which all matters are decided on a non-jury basis where the amount in controversy is less than Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) and the criminal offenses are primarily misdemeanors.

District Public Defender for Montgomery County, Maryland 1979 -1982

I directed an office of twelve attorneys and twenty-five investigative and clerical staff; my responsibility was to provide legal representation for indigent persons charged with offenses which could result in imprisonment upon conviction. I personally represented clients charged with more serious offenses, including murder.

The operation of the office included paneling of cases to private criminal defense lawyers in instances of potential conflict of interest where co-defendants in the same case qualified for representation. In addition, I authorized the procurement of expert witnesses in appropriate cases.

Senior Assistant State's Attorney for Montgomery County, Maryland 1974 - 1979 1978 - 1979: As a Senior Assistant State's Attorney, I supervised a team of five attorneys and personally prosecuted persons charged with serious offenses in the Circuit Court for Montgomery County, Maryland. I negotiated all plea agreements in cases assigned to my team.

1975 - 1978: I prosecuted persons charged with felonious offenses in the Circuit Court for Montgomery County, Maryland.

1974 -1975: I prosecuted adults charged with misdemeanors and juvenile offenders in the Maryland State District Court for Montgomery County, Maryland.

Senior Marketing Representative
IBM Corporation, Washington, D.C. 1965 - 1973

ACADEMIC
APPOINTMENTS:

Adjunct Assistant Professor
University of Maryland, University College, College Park, Maryland 1989 - present. I teach business law which covers the structure and function of both state and federal trial and appellate courts; subject matter includes contracts, sales, warranties, landlord and tenant, real and personal property, bailments, remedies, wills, trusts and estates.

Adjunct Professor
American University, The Washington College of Law, Washington, D.C. 1990 - present. I teach Trial Practice which are controlled simulation clinics in which trial litigation skills development is patterned on litigation practice in the federal courts; preparation of criminal and civil cases for trial and conduct to verdict and judgment; pretrial procedures, discovery, motions, trial tactics, impaneling juries, opening statements, direct and cross examination of witnesses, and closing arguments.

Assistant Professorial Lecturer
George Washington University College of General Studies, Graduate School of Forensic Science, Washington, D.C., 1977 - 1979. I taught criminal law and criminal procedure.

GUEST
LECTURER:

Street Law Program, Montgomery County Detention Center, Rockville, Maryland 1978 1990
Life Skills Program; Montgomery County Pre Release Center, Rockville, Maryland, 1988 - 1992

BAR Court of Appeals of Maryland, 1974
ADMISSIONS: United States Supreme Court, 1977
United States District Court for the District of Maryland, 1974 United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit, 1974 United States Court of Claims, 1974
Supreme Bench of Baltimore, Maryland, 1974
United States Court of Military Appeals, 1974
United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia, 1974 United States Court of Customs and Patent Appeals, 1978

AWARDS: Governor's Citation, 1998
Meritorious Achievement Award - Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity,
Iota Upsilon Lambda Chapter - 1989
Charles Sumner High School
Hall of Fame Award - 1985
Montgomery County NAACP
Community Service Award - 1984
Omega Psi Phi Fraternity - Mu Nu Chapter
Outstanding Citizen of the Year - 1982
J. Franklyn Bourne Bar Association Award - 1993
J. Franklyn Bourne Bar Association Legal Excellence Award - 2003
History Makers, April 2003

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS PAST AND PRESENT: Maryland State Bar Association
Phi Beta Gamma Legal Fraternity
American Bar Association
National Bar Association
Montgomery County Bar Association
J. Franklyn Bourne Bar Association, Co-founder
National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers
American Judicature Society

BOARDS AND COMMITTEES: Member, State of Maryland Commission on Judicial Disabilities,
1995 - 1999 Chairman, District Advisory Board for the Public Defender
System, Montgomery County, Maryland 1984 - 1995
Member, Special Ad Hoc Committee to Implement Maryland's New Domestic
Violence Law 1992
Committee On Judicial Administration of the Maryland Judicial Conference,
Chairman 1986 - 1987; Member 1985 - 1988
Ad Hoc Committee to Study Alternative Dispute Resolution Mechanisms in
Civil Litigation in the Circuit Courts, 1985 - 1986.
Judicial Conference Awareness Committee on Mental Health and Alcoholism,
1984 - 1986.
Board of Regents, Morgan State University, Baltimore, Maryland 1981 –
1982.
Committee on Correctional Reform, Montgomery County Bar Association,
Chairman 1981 - 1982; Member 1979 - 1982.
Board of Directors, Children's Hospital National Medical Center,
Washington, D.C. 1973 - 1981
Board of Directors, Suburban Maryland Fair Housing, Bethesda, Maryland

1973 - 1975.

CIVIC
ACTIVITIES:

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP),
Montgomery County, Maryland - Life Member since 1984
Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Iota Upsilon Lambda Chapter
Sigma Pi Phi Boule, Beta Mu Chapter
National Association of Guardsmen, Inc., Washington, D.C. Chapter,
President, 1993 - 1995
Maryland Coordinating Committee for Martin Luther King, Jr. Federal Holiday,
1985 - 1987
Country Place Citizens Association Covenants Committee, Vice Chairman, 1970;
Chairman, 1978; Board of Directors, 1981 - 1984.
Montgomery County Criminal Justice Commission, 1979 - 1982.

DeLawrence Beard
Chief Judge, Sixth Judicial
Circuit of Maryland

Judge DeLawrence Beard has been a judge on the Circuit for Montgomery County since 1984, Chief Judge since 1996. Previously, he served as judge of the District Court for Montgomery County from 1982 to 1984.

From 1979 to 1982 Judge Beard was the District Public Defender for Montgomery County, Maryland and an Assistant State's Attorney for Montgomery County for five years prior to that appointment.

Judge Beard received a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Missouri in 1964 where he majored in political science; he then received his Juris Doctor from the University of Baltimore School of Law in 1970 and a Masters of Law from Georgetown University Law Center in 1977.

Judge Beard has been an Adjunct Professor at the Washington College of Law since 1990. Prior teaching experience includes Assistant Professorial Lecturer at the George Washington College of General Studies, Graduate School of Forensic Science from 1977 to 1979, and an Adjunct Assistant Professor at the University of Maryland University College since 1989.