



Judge Frederick P. Stamp, Jr. - *Public Service*

A life-long resident of Wheeling, Frederick P. Stamp, Jr. earned the BA, with honors, at Washington & Lee University, studied law at the University of Virginia, and graduated from the University of Richmond with the LLB in 1959. In 2006, that university also conferred an honorary Doctor of Laws degree.

After completing active service with the United States Army, he returned to his hometown in 1960 and, for the next 30 years, maintained a practice with Schrader, Byrd, Byrum, and Companion and its predecessor firms. In 1990, President George H. W. Bush appointed him to the U. S. District Court for the Northern District of West Virginia. For seven years (1994-2001), he served as Chief Judge, and in 2006 he assumed “senior status,” although he continues to carry a full case load. By establishing his court in Wheeling, rather than Elkins where it was prior to his appointment, Judge Stamp, in the words of a noted local attorney, “re-invigorated the federal legal practice in Wheeling and directly led to the construction of the courthouse addition.”

Judge Stamp’s distinguished judicial service has been recognized by his undergraduate university and his law school: honors include Washington & Lee’s Order of the Coif and its 250th Anniversary Award, as well as the University of Richmond’s Award for Distinguished Service and the William Green Award for Professional Excellence. Locally, the BPOE Lodge 28 named him its Citizen of the Year in 2010.

Before joining the federal judiciary, Judge Stamp made significant contributions to educational organizations in Wheeling and in the State of West Virginia. From 1970 to 1977, he held an appointment to the West Virginia Board of Regents and served as its chair in the 1973-74 academic year. He also sat on and chaired the West Virginia Commission on Higher Education. Additionally, he held memberships on the boards of trustees at Wheeling Jesuit University, Davis & Elkins College, and The Linsly School. At

West Virginia University, he was on the College of Law National Council and Visiting Committee and the Mary Babb Randolph Cancer Center Advisory Board.

He and his family are parishioners at St. Matthew’s Episcopal Church in Wheeling, where he was a trustee for 20 years and served on the church’s Vestry. He has been a member of Security National Bank’s Board of Directors and Executive Committee, as well as Spectrum Corporation’s Board and Executive Committee. He has given his time and his expertise to the YMCA, Youth Foundation of Greater Wheeling, and the Salvation Army, and he had a director’s position with Stone & Thomas Department Stores. From 1966 to 1970, he represented Ohio County in the West Virginia House of Delegates, while also holding various posts in the Republican Party of West Virginia.

Professionally, Judge Stamp has been President of the West Virginia Bar Association, a Fellow of the American Bar Association, Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers, and member and president of the Defense Trial Counsel of West Virginia. Other memberships include District Judges’ Association of the Fourth Circuit, National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws, Federal Judges Association, Judicial Conference of the United States, and the American Inns of Court.

In 1999, Judge Stamp and the federal and state judges in the Northern Panhandle established the Judicial Scholars Program, a series of educational experiences for select high school juniors and seniors who are interested in law and law enforcement. He also assisted in the establishment of a regular seminar for law clerks of judges in the Fourth Circuit. Judge and Mrs. Stamp established the Stamp Public Law Fellowship at the University of Richmond School of Law.

Judge Stamp and his wife, Joan Corson Stamp, have two adult children (Andrew and Elizabeth). As an attorney, a respected jurist, military veteran, and civic-minded city resident, Judge Frederick P. Stamp, Jr. epitomizes the essence of public service: a life of dedication to the betterment of his country, his state, his hometown, and his fellow citizens.