

SUPREME COURT OF ARKANSAS

IN RE PASSING OF HONORABLE
RANDALL L. WILLIAMS

Opinion Delivered **December 16, 2010**

PER CURIAM

On December 14, 2010, the State of Arkansas lost one of its outstanding jurists, Honorable Randall Williams, of Little Rock. Judge Williams served as Circuit Judge for the Eleventh Judicial Circuit (West) from 1970 until his retirement in 1993. On the sad occasion of his passing, the Arkansas Supreme Court wishes to acknowledge his life of service to the Arkansas legal system and to express our sympathy to his wife Joan, his daughter Camille, and the rest of his family.

Judge Williams graduated from the University of Arkansas at Monticello and received his law degree at the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville. Prior to assuming the bench, Judge Williams was a valuable asset to our state's legal system practicing law in Monticello; serving as deputy prosecuting attorney, municipal judge, and state representative for Drew County; serving in the USDA General Counsel's office in Little Rock; practicing law in downtown Pine Bluff; and serving as deputy prosecuting attorney for Jefferson County.

During his judicial service, Judge Williams distinguished himself on and off the bench, serving the State of Arkansas in a vast array of appointments. He was appointed to serve on the Executive Board of the Arkansas Crime Commission, the Arkansas Adult Probation

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Commission (later changed to the Arkansas Board of Correction and Community Punishment), and the Alternatives to Imprisonment Advisory Committee of the United States Sentencing Commission. He also served as president of the Arkansas Judicial Council from 1984 to 1985. Following his retirement from the bench, he was appointed to the Arkansas Board of Correction, serving as chair until 2000. In 2008, the Arkansas Department of Correction recognized Judge Williams by naming the Pine Bluff correctional facility in his honor.

The Arkansas Supreme Court recognizes Judge Randall Williams for an extraordinary life of service. He will be sorely missed on both a professional and personal level by his many friends and colleagues.