Judge Shellie F. Bowers

Superior Court Judge of the District of Columbia Inducted July 22, 2002

The Honorable to Judge Shellie Bowers graduated from Summer High School in St. Louis, Missouri in 1953. He went to Lincoln University that same year and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in government with a minor in mathematics in 1957. Following a two-year tour of active duty as an Army artillery officer, he matriculated at Georgetown Law Center in Washington, D.C. on a Regent scholarship and in June 1962 received a Bachelor of Law degree. He was thereupon awarded the prestigious E. Barrett Prettyman Fellowship in Trail Advocacy and upon completion of this program at Georgetown received a Masters of Law in 1963.

After a one-year stint as a trail attorney at the United States Department of Justice, in the Organized Crime and Racketeering Section of the Criminal Division, Bowers entered the private practice of law, where he is distinguished himself exhibiting exceptional legal kill judicial prowess for the next fourteen years. President Jimmy Carter appointed Judge Bowers to the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, where he has distinguished himself for the past twenty-two years.

In addition to his judicial service, Judge Bowers aught Trail Advocacy as an adjunct professor for one year at Antioch School of Law (1977-1978) and for twenty years (1978-1998) at Howard School f Law. Since 1996 he has taught Trail Advocacy as a member of the Teaching Team at the winter Trail Advocacy Workshop at Harvard Law School.

Judge Bowers has an extensive record of community service. Prior to becoming a judge, he served as co-chairman of the Broad of Directors of the Neighborhood Legal Service Program; a member of the Board of Trustees of the Public Defender Service; a member of the Board of Trustees of the Legal Aid Society; a member of the Broad of Trustees of Family and Child Services; a member of the Board of Directors of the national Capital Area and the American Civil Liberties Union. Judge Bowers has received several outstanding service awards from the above mentioned organizations for dedication and commitment to helping indigent city residents.

Judge Bowers is married to Florence Shyne Bowers also a Lincolnite.