

BIOGRAPHY

RITA CHARMATZ DAVIDSON

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EXPERIENCE:

- Associate Judge, Court of Appeals of Maryland
January 16, 1979 - present
(First and only woman to hold this office in Maryland's 200 year history.)
- Associate Judge, Court of Special Appeals of Maryland
November 2, 1972 - January 16, 1979
(First woman appellate judge in Maryland. Held the highest elective office ever held by a woman in Maryland.)
- Secretary, Department of Employment and Social Services,
State of Maryland (now Department of Human Resources).
September 1970 - November 1972
(First woman member of Governor's Cabinet, which was the highest appointive office ever held by a woman in Maryland.)
- Zoning Hearing Examiner for Montgomery County, Maryland
June 1967 - May 1970
(First person to hold job. Only woman who has ever held job.)
- Commissioner, Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission
January 1967 - June 1967
- Member, Vice-Chairperson and Chairperson, Montgomery County Board
of Appeals
1960 - 1964
- General practice of law, Rockville, Maryland, 1963 - 1967
- Liebig and Weyand, 1951 - 1963
(Liebig and Weyand was a District of Columbia law firm handling administrative matters and appellate work before various courts of appeal and the United States Supreme Court.)

EDUCATION:

- Yale Law School, New Haven, Connecticut, 1951, LL.B.
- Goucher College, Towson, Maryland, 1948, B.A. with Honors; 1979, LL.D.
- Phi Beta Kappa

ADMITTED TO BAR:

- District of Columbia, 1952
- Maryland, 1963
- United States Supreme Court, 1961

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AWARDS AND HONORS:

- Woman of Commitment Award - 1983
Anti-Defamation League
- Humanitarian Award - 1980
Citizens Awards Committee, Baltimore
- Mayor's Citation - 1980
City of Baltimore
- Focus Women's Award - 1980
Montgomery County
- Hannah G. Solomon Award - 1979
National Council of Jewish Women, Washington, D.C. Section
- Person of the Year Award - 1977
Montgomery County Sentinel
- Outstanding Contribution by a Woman in the Field of Law - 1976
New York Women's Bar Association
- Woman of Achievement Award - 1974
Women's Auxiliary, Jewish National Fund
- Leadership Award - 1973
Silver Spring Chamber of Commerce
- Maryland's Distinguished Citizen's Award - 1973
- Achievement Award - 1972
American Association of University Women
Business and Professional Women's Clubs
League of Women Voters
 - Maryland Women's Political Caucus
 - Women's Equity Action League
- Service to American Veterans Award - 1972
Fort Cumberland Post No. 13 - American Legion
- Woman of the Year Award - 1971
Baltimore Business and Professional Women
- World's Who's Who of Women
- Who's Who in America
- Dictionary of International Biography

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PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS:

- American Bar Association
 - ABA Section of Judicial Administration
 - ABA Appellate Judges' Conference
- Maryland State Bar Association
- Montgomery County Bar Association
- Women's Bar Association of Maryland
- District of Columbia Bar Association
- The American Law Institute
- American Judicature Society
- National Association of Women Judges
- Maryland Judicial Conference
- Yale Law School Association

FORMER AFFILIATIONS:

- Chairperson, Governor's Commission on Jobs for Veterans
- Chairperson, Governor's Interagency Committee on Childhood Development
- Maryland Manpower Planning Council
- American Society of Planning Officials
- Regional Alternate Vice President of Interstate Conference
Employment Security Agencies
- American Public Welfare Association
- National Association of Social Workers
- Maryland Judicial Conference, Committee on Juvenile and Family Law;
Committee on Judicial Education and Training;
Legislative Committee and Committee on Mental Health, Alcoholism
and Addiction
- League of Women Voters
- Women's Equity Action League
- Baltimore Business and Professional Women
- Rockville Opportunities Industrialization Center of Montgomery County
- President, Youth Opportunities, Inc.
- National Ballet Society
- Maryland Suburban Fair Housing Association

PERSONAL DATA:

- Born: September 1, 1928, Brooklyn, New York
- Married: David Sternheimer Davidson, 1950
Associate Chief Administrative Law Judge
National Labor Relations Board
- Children: Minna Kohn Davidson, 1952
Leo Charmatz Davidson, 1960