

THE COURT OF APPEALS OF MARYLAND

BIOGRAPHIES OF MEMBERS

ROBERT C. MURPHY. Court of Appeals, 1972—; Chief Judge. Born in Baltimore, October 9, 1926. Attended Forest Park High School; University of Maryland; University of Maryland School of Law, J.D., 1951. Admitted to the Maryland Bar, 1952. Member, Maryland State Bar Association. Special assistant attorney general, assistant attorney general, deputy attorney general, and attorney general of Maryland, 1956–1967. Chief judge, Court of Special Appeals, 1967–1972. Member, Board of Trustees of Mount St. Mary's College. Chairman, Constitutional Commission on Judicial Disabilities, 1971–1972; chairman, Maryland Hall of Records Commission. Member, Maryland Criminal Justice Coordinating Council. Honorary Doctor of Laws, University of Maryland and University of Baltimore; honorary membership in the Order of Coif, University of Maryland School of Law. Married; 3 children.



HARRY A. COLE. Court of Appeals, 1977—. Born in Washington, D.C., January 1, 1921. Attended Baltimore public schools; Morgan State College, A.B., 1943; University of Maryland School of Law, LL.B., 1949. Admitted to the Maryland Bar, 1949. Member, National, Maryland State, Baltimore City, and Monumental City Bar Associations; American Judicature Society; member, Executive Committee, Maryland Judicial Conference, 1971. Justice of the peace, 1951; substitute magistrate, 1952; assistant attorney general, 1953; associate judge, Municipal Court of Baltimore City, 1967; associate judge, Supreme Bench of Baltimore City, 1968–1977. Maryland State Senate, 1954–1958. Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity; Board of Managers, YMCA; life member, NAACP; Executive Committee, U.S. National Commission for UNESCO; first chairman, Maryland Advisory Committee on Civil Rights to the U.S. Civil Rights Commission; former member, Board of Directors, Maryland Multiple Sclerosis Society; Maryland Citizens Planning and Housing Committee; Board of Directors, Baltimore Zoological Society; member, The Civitans; board member, Union Memorial Hospital, Camp Fire Girls, and Baltimore Museum of Art; chairman, Board of Visitors, Morgan State College; president, University of Maryland Law School Alumni Association. First Man of the Year, Alpha Phi Alpha; First Alumnus of the Year, Morgan State College; Man of the Year, NAACP; Man of the Year, Maryland Beauticians; Man of the Year, A.M.E. Church. Married; 3 children.

JAMES F. COUCH, JR. Court of Appeals, 1982—. Born in Des Moines, Iowa, May 30, 1917. Attended Western High School, Washington, D.C.; George Wash-

ington University; Washington College of Law at the American University, J.D., 1941. Admitted to the Maryland Bar, 1950. Served in the U.S. Army. Member, Maryland State and Prince George's County Bar Associations. Judge, District Court of Maryland, 1971–1972; Circuit Court for Prince George's County, 1972–1977; Court of Special Appeals, 1977–1982. Married; 1 child.

RITA CHARMATZ DAVIDSON. Court of Appeals, 1979—. Born in Brooklyn, New York, September 1, 1928. Attended Erasmus Hall High School; Goucher College, B.A., 1948, LL.D., 1979; Yale Law School, LL.B., 1951. Admitted to the District of Columbia Bar, 1952; admitted to the Maryland Bar, 1963. Member, American, Maryland State, Montgomery County, Womens, and District of Columbia Bar Associations; National Association of Women Judges; American Judicature Society. Former member, Montgomery County Board of Appeals; Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission; Zoning Hearing Examiner for Montgomery County. Secretary, Maryland Department of Employment and Social Services, 1970–1972. Court of Special Appeals, 1972–1979. Chairperson, Governor's Commission on Jobs for Veterans; chairperson, Governor's Interagency Committee on Childhood Development; Maryland Manpower Planning Council. Outstanding Contribution by a Woman in the Field of Law, New York Women's Bar Association; Maryland's Distinguished Citizen's Award; Person of the Year Award, Montgomery County *Sentinel*; *Who's Who in America*; World's *Who's Who of Women*. Married; 2 children.