

## CIRCUIT COURT BIOGRAPHIES

**CHAIR, CONFERENCE OF CIRCUIT JUDGES**

**WILLIAM D. MISSOURI**, *Chair, Conference of Circuit Judges*, since December 4, 2004 (member, 1997-; vice-chair, 2003-04; executive committee, 2003-). *Circuit Administrative Judge*, 7th Judicial Circuit, (Calvert, Charles, Prince George's & St. Mary's counties), since 1997. *County Administrative Judge*, Prince George's County Circuit Court, 7th Judicial Circuit, since 1992 (Associate Judge, January 14, 1988-92). Member, Board of Directors, Judicial Institute of Maryland, 1991-95. Member, Judicial Compensation Committee, Civil Law and Procedure Committee, 1997-2000, Criminal Law and Procedure Committee, 2000-, and Judicial Council, 2000-03, Maryland Judicial Conference. Member, Ad Hoc Committee on the Implementation of Family Divisions, 1997-2002. Member, Court of Appeals Standing Committee on Rules of Practice and Procedure, 2000-. Chair, Legislative Committee, Maryland Judicial Conference, 2001-. Member, Drug and Alcohol Abuse Council, Prince George's County, 2004-.

Assistant State's Attorney, Prince George's County, 1978-85. Administrative Judge, District Court of Maryland, 5th District, Prince George's County, 1987 (Associate Judge, July 12, 1985 to October 1987). Member, Special Joint Committee on Gender Bias in the Courts, 1987-89. Chair, Board of Visitors, Bowie State University, 1994-. *Born in Washington, DC, September 4, 1940. Attended Dalzell, South Carolina, public schools. Served in U.S. Air Force, 1958. Bowie State College, B.S. (political science), cum laude, 1975; University of Maryland School of Law, J.D., 1978. Member, American Bar Association; Maryland State Bar Association (board of governors, 1990-92; judicial administration section; pattern jury instruction subcommittee); Prince George's County Bar Association (chair, continuing legal education committee, 1986-87; chair, special committee to review bar association committee structure, 1987-88; board of directors, 1983-88); J. Franklyn Bourne Bar Association. Member, Executive Committee, University of Maryland Law School Alumni Association, 1986-92. Member, Phi Alpha Delta International Law Fraternity; National District Attorneys Association; Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers. Instructor, Paralegal Studies, Prince George's Community College, 1985. American Inns of Court, Marlborough Chapter (master of the bench, 1988-90; president, 1990-91). Vice-President, Board of Directors, Maryland Bar Foundation, 2003-05. Prince Hall Masons, Prudent Lodge no. 27 (worshipful master, 1971, 1972). Jonathan Davis Consistory no. One, 33 degree, Mecca Temple, no. Ten Shriners. Chair, Patuxent District N.C.A., Boy Scouts of America, 1993-94. Maryland Pro Bono Service Award, Pro Bono Service Center, 2002. Maryland Leadership in Law Award, Daily Record, 2002. Former chair, Board of Directors, Archdiocese of Washington Catholic Youth Organization. Member, parish council, St. Joseph's Church, Landover.*

**KAREN H. ABRAMS**, *Associate Judge*, St. Mary's County Circuit Court, 7th Judicial Circuit, since October 18, 2002.

Member, Trial Courts Judicial Nominating Commission, 7th Judicial Circuit, 1988-94; Inquiry Committee, Attorney Grievance Commission, 1994-2002; Public Defender Regional Advisory Board no. 3 (Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles, Prince George's & St. Mary's counties), 1999-2002. *Born in New York, New York, March 19, 1948. George Washington University, B.A. (sociology), 1969. Social worker, Department of Social Services, Charles County, 1970-71. Employment counselor, Work Incentive Program, Department of Employment & Social Services, 1971-73. Social worker, Department of Social Services, St. Mary's County, 1973-76. Columbus School of Law, Catholic University, J.D., 1979. Admitted to Maryland Bar, 1979. Associate, Briscoe, Kenney & Kamintz, 1979-83. Solo practitioner, 1983-88, 1989-2002. Partner, Abrams & Izydore, 1989. Member, American, Maryland and Women's Bar Associations; St. Mary's County Bar Association, 1979- (president, 1983; vice-president, 1982). Member, Maryland Bar Foundation, 1989-; Attorneys' Council, National School Board Association, 1992-2002; Maryland Council of School Board Attorneys, 1986-2002 (president,*

*1996-98; vice-president, 1994-96; secretary-treasurer, 1992-94). Board of Directors, United Way of St. Mary's County, 1984-94 (secretary, 1986-90, 1991-94; vice-president, 1990-91); St. Mary's County Nursing Center Foundation, 1986-98 (president, 1992-96; secretary, 1996-98); Calvert Marine Museum and Calvert Marine Museum Society, Inc., 1992-98 (secretary, 1996-98); Patuxent Tidewater Land Trust, Inc., 1996- (secretary, 2000-); Historic St. Mary's City Foundation, 1998-. Maryland Leadership in Law Award, Daily Record, 2003.*

**THERESA M. ADAMS**, *Associate Judge*, Frederick County Circuit Court, 6th Judicial Circuit, since January 9, 2004.

Chief of White Collar Crime, State's Attorney's Office, Frederick County, 1993. Former Senior Assistant State's Attorney, Carroll County (chief narcotics prosecutor & asset forfeiture coordinator). Assistant State's Attorney, Washington County, 2002-03. *Born in Frederick, Maryland. University of Baltimore School of Law, J.D., 1986. Admitted to Maryland Bar. Member, Frederick County Bar Association. Former member, Board of Directors, Frederick County Family Life Center; Board of Directors, Fred-*