

MAURICE H. HILLIARD, JR.

Maurice is a graduate of Bass High School (1952) in Atlanta, Mercer University (1956) with a major in law, and Atlanta Law School (1958). He was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant in the U.S. Army.

He and his Wife, Joan, a nationally recognized artist, and their four children settled in Roswell in 1961, where he became Roswell's first full-time lawyer. He served as a co-founder of the North Fulton Bar Association, and was its charter president in 1980-81.

Maurice received his certificate from the State Bar of Georgia for 50 years of service in 2008, and in the same year was recognized by the membership of the North Fulton Bar Association by being the first recipient of that Association's annual presidential award for outstanding service to the bar and to the community,

He was appointed by the Mayor and Council to the newly created post of Solicitor of the Municipal Court of Roswell, and served as such from July 1, 1979 until he resigned to run for Judge in August of 1980. He was elected by an overwhelming majority, and has been reelected since that time. The office became a full-time position approximately ten years ago, and he closed his private practice law office at that time.

Maurice has served as a part-time State Court Judge in Forsyth, and Cherokee Counties since 1983, and as a part-time Superior Court Judge in the Appalachian, and Northeastern Judicial Circuits during the period from 1996 through 2000.

He served as the first vice president (1995-96), and third president of the Council of Municipal Court Judges Council for the 1997-98 term, having been elected by the general membership. He has remained active in the organization and currently serves as one of the two elected representatives from the Atlanta Judicial District to the executive committee of the Georgia Council of Municipal Court Judges. He is one of the five elected members of the Municipal Court Judges Training Council, and an active member of the faculty of the University of Georgia's Institute for Continuing Judicial Education.

Judge Hilliard has received recognition as mentor of the Chattahoochee High School Mock Trial regional champions for the year 2000, the ICJE medallion as the outstanding instructor in judicial education programs, and is the recipient of a Governor's Office of Highway Safety award for his work on the "Operation Zero Tolerance" Task Force.

In September of 2010 Judge Hilliard received recognition by the General Practice and Trial Section of the State Bar of Georgia by being one of two annual recipients of their "Lifetime Achievement Award" which was presented at the

annual "Urgent Legal Matters" seminar and conference at Saint Simons Island, Georgia.

In 1993 the Georgia Council of State Court Judges recognized the legendary Ogden Doremus, long-time Judge of the State Court of Candler County, as an "Institution and Mentor". He was presented with the award, which now bears his name, and is presented annually to a State Court Judge selected by his, or her, peers. Maurice Hilliard was the eighteenth person to be so honored. The award was presented at the November 2010 fall conference in Jekyll Island, Georgia. Judge Hilliard is the only Municipal Court Judge ever to be the recipient of this award. There are approximately one hundred and twenty elected State Court Judges in Georgia.

Judge Frost Ward, of Morrow, died in 2010. The Georgia Council of Municipal Court Judges recognized him with a lifetime achievement award in appreciation for his outstanding service to the judiciary, and the public, over many years. The award, which now bears his name, will be presented annually to a judge selected by his, or her, peers by secret ballot. Maurice Hilliard is the 2011 recipient of this award, which is presented at the annual June conference of judges in Savannah, Georgia. There are over four hundred Municipal Court Judges in Georgia.

Judge Hilliard is a past president of the Roswell Jaycees, and the Rotary Club of Roswell.

Comments from Clerks of Georgia Municipal Courts at their June 2011 Seminar in Tifton

"Always well prepared and relevant.....Love, Love, Love Judge Hilliard..... Judge Hilliard is a hoot!!Judge Hilliard 10+.....Great!I loved Judge Hilliard! He was awesomely funny and informative. Bring him back!.....Very good •Good information.....Love Judge Hilliard – very informative!.....Great job!.....Wonderful as always! Greatly appreciated! • Need more time!.....Great! A lot of good information.....Best topic...please bring back – most informative.....Enjoyed everything – well answered.....Judge Hilliard was great and informative speaker – really enjoyed his humor. Have him again.....Wish Judge Hilliard could teach all 8 hours of training!.....Most useful information of the training session.....bring back Judge Hilliard!"