



Historical Society of the District of Columbia Circuit

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Portraits of the Judges of the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia - A New Exhibit

You can now view on-line the portraits of 84 judges who have served on the U.S. District Court. To see the exhibit, go to the Historical Society's website at www.dchcs.org and Click on Portraits of U.S. District Court Judges. Examine the portraits and learn about some of the artists who painted them and the judges they portray.

Judge William Cranch, pictured left, was nominated by John Adams on February 28, 1801 and received his commission on March 3, 1801. His service terminated on September 1, 1855, due to death.



Our New Website!

The Historical Society has a newly designed website. [Take a look!](#)



View Historical Society Programs and Re-enactments On-Line

The videotapes of nine of the 16 programs that the Historical Society has sponsored from 2003 on can be viewed in their entirety on line. Go to www.dchhs.org and scroll down under What's New to watch the following panel discussions and re-enactments:

The D.C. Circuit in the McCarthy Era: United States v. Lattimore
Who Solved Watergate?

Review of Agency Rules in the D.C. Circuit: Back to the Future?
Lessons from the Teapot Dome Trials

Technology in the Courtroom: Could it Change the Course of History?

FCC Indecency Cases in the D. C. Circuit: An Historical Perspective

FOIA, National Security and the D.C. Circuit: A Safeguard or a Sham?

The Steel Seizure Case in Historical Perspective

The Pentagon Papers: Did the Courts Get It Right?



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Voices of the Civil Rights Division: Then and Now

Judges of our courts, and a number of the lawyers who practice in them, were active participants in the civil rights struggle of the mid- and later-1900s. For that reason, the Historical Society notes an upcoming program of the U.S. Justice Department's Civil Rights Division and the Civil Rights Division Association.

"Voices of the Civil Rights Division: Then and Now" will feature a re-enactment of closing arguments in the federal prosecution of Klan members charged with the killing in 1964 of three young civil rights workers in Neshoba County, Mississippi. Participating, among others, will be Drew Days, historian Taylor Branch, and former SNCC leader Bob Moses. Other topics include a Conversation with John Doar conducted by Professor Owen Fiss, Enforcement of Civil Rights in the Alabama Black Belt in the 1960s, the Development of the Civil Rights Division's Enforcement Program on Gender Discrimination, and Civil Rights Enforcement Today.

The program, which Society president Steve Pollak is helping to develop, will be presented October 28 in the Great Hall of the Department of Justice and October 29 at the Sidwell Friends School. For information, contact Alexander C. (Sandy) Ross at mross161@comcast.net or 703-567-5579.



Join the Historical Society

We are grateful to the many individuals who regularly support the Society's activities including our panel discussions, mock court competitions for area high school students, oral histories, and the historical exhibits we develop. We seek and welcome new individual and law firm members. You can help us educate the public about the role of the courts, the rule of law and the proud history of the federal courts in the District of Columbia by joining the many judges, lawyers and citizens who are Society members.

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