

■ JUDGE JUNE L. GREEN

When Judge Green married in nineteen thirty-six, a legal career was not in her personal forecast. In fact, it took considerable persuasion by her husband to get her to visit the local law schools. There she discovered that most did not admit women. She did find one, the Washington College of Law, founded by two women, where she was welcomed. And it is this school, now the legal component of American University, which embraces her as one of its distinguished graduates.

Jobs for fledgling lawyers did not come easily in the depression era and they were scarcer for pioneering women. After experiencing several rebuffs, she was hired as a trial attorney by the Washington branch of a national insurance firm. There she built a record of success which earned her the recognition and respect of her fellow trial attorneys. Thus, when she decided to strike out on her own, she found the client base of both plaintiffs and defendants supporting a rewarding career. During the period she served on a number of legal committees, including the Gesell Committee chosen by the Circuit Judicial Council to examine the operation of all the courts and to recommend significant improvements. There she, and her fellow members, presented their recommendations to the Congress where most were adopted after the usual discussion and debate.

This active career earned a number of commendations and awards. Among these, she was a Bar Examiner for the Admissions and Grievances Committee for the District Columbia, examining in legal ethics, torts and evidence. She was a director of the Bar Association for the District of Columbia and president of the Womens Bar Association for two terms. In 1965 that organization named her "Lawyer of the Year."

In 1968 President Lyndon Baines Johnson nominated her for the Federal Bench where she succeeded Judge Burnita Shelton Matthews, the first woman judge on the United States District Court for the District of Columbia.

Judge Green served on the United States **Judicial** conference Jury Committee from 1979 to 1986. She also was a Judge of the Special Regional Rail Reorganization Court, serving from 1987 to **1997**.

In the **community**, she has been commended for her "commitment to the rehabilitation of **the** offender and the **ex-offender**." One element of this commitment was a project, undertaken by Judge **Green** and her husband, at night **to** teach District Jail inmates how to read and write.

In 1984 when she assumed "Senior Status," she **was** warmly commended by the Judicial Conference, the Bar Association of the District of Columbia and the District of Columbia Bar. Also, in the following year American University **awarded** her the University's "Lifetime Achievement Award."

June 7, 1968 Appointment as Judge, United States District Court for the District of Columbia, signed by President Lyndon B. Johnson

July 26, 1968 Resolution by Members of the Committee on Admissions and Grievances of the United States District Court. (Loyally and ably served as a Member of the Committee and upon her resignation due to appointment as Judge of the United States District Court for the District of Columbia, enters an expression of affection and high regard former associates on the Committee hold, of their gratification of appointment and with warmest good wishes for a long, happy career on the bench.)

1972 National Association of Probate Judges Certificate of Life Membership

1972 International Association of Probate Judges Certificate of Life Membership

November 1981 American Patent Law Association Quarterly Journal Plaque (Vol. 9, No.2-Issue from the Judiciary)

May 21, 1984 Resolution - Members of the 1984 Judicial Conference of the District of Columbia Circuit (expressing deep admiration and respect and great appreciation for years of service rendered with honor and extraordinary distinction as Judge of the United States District Court for the District of Columbia)

June 13, 1964 The District of Columbia Bar Certificate of Appreciation (for unselfish service to the United States District Court for the District of Columbia and with grateful appreciation for continuing dedication to the administration of justice.)

December 1, 1984 Bar Association of the District of Columbia
(Plaque in recognition of loyal, faithful and
unselfish efforts to improve the
administration of justice in the United
States District Court for the District of
Columbia.)

April 19, 1986 American University Alumni Association
Lifetime Achievement Award (in recognition of
a lifetime of professional achievement and
outstanding commitment to national service.)

1991 Liberation of Ex-Offenders Through Employment
Opportunities (Plaque award for pioneering
efforts in bringing into existence the
LEEO/DCDC Vocational/Technical Training
Program and for commitment to the
Rehabilitation of the Offender and Ex-
Offender

April 1991 Washington College of Law of American
University (Recognition as a **Golden Advocate,**
Class of 1941)

October 29, 1992 Bar Association of the District of Columbia
Certificate of Appreciation (in recognition
of significant contributions in the
administration of justice as Senior District
Judge, United States District Court for the
District of Columbia)

March 18, 1998 Certificate of Appreciation (for
participation in the Women's History Month
Program of the Courts of the District of
Columbia Circuit as the second woman
appointed to the United States District Court
for the District of Columbia and as a pioneer
woman in the legal profession)

April 24, 1999

Washington College of Law Distinguished Alumni Award (recognizing outstanding service as a judge, as well as distinguished career at the bar, presented on the occasion of her return to the law school where, *in* the company of fellow alumni judges, accomplishments are publicly and proudly honored.)

May 13, 2000

Judicial Excellence Award presented by Trial Lawyers Association of Metropolitan Washington District of Columbia