

## **Biographical Sketch**

### **Judith Richards Hope, Esq.**

Judith Richards Hope is a Washington lawyer who has practiced and taught law in the nation's capital for more than fifty years. Her career as a trial lawyer began with the Washington, D.C. trial firm Williams & Connolly. Mrs. Hope eventually took a ten year break from private practice to raise two young children and serve in the government, first as Associate Director of the White House Domestic Council during the Ford Administration and later as Vice Chairman of the President's Commission on Organized Crime during the Reagan Administration.

Mrs. Hope returned to private practice as a trial lawyer and member of the Executive Committee of Washington's Wald, Harkrader & Ross. Subsequently, the international law firm Paul, Hastings, Janofsky & Walker recruited Ms. Hope to co-found its Washington Office and serve on the firm-wide executive committee. Mrs. Hope's professional affiliations have included membership on the Boards of Directors of General Mills, Inc., IBM, Russell Reynolds Associates, Union Pacific Corporation, and Zurich Reinsurance, Inc. She was the first woman named as a Member of the Harvard Corporation, the University's senior governing board, where she chaired the Inspection (Audit) and Honorary Degree Committees. Other past non-profit board affiliations have included the D.C. Circuit Historical Society, the Supreme Court Historical Society, and the Georgetown University Law Center Board of Visitors. In 2005 Georgetown University Law Center named Mrs. Hope a Distinguished Visitor from Practice. She currently sits on the Governing Council and Executive Committee of the Miller Center for the Study of the American Presidency at the University of Virginia. Ms. Hope is a graduate of Defiance (Ohio) High School, Wellesley College, and the Harvard Law School.