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Presentation of the Portrait

of

The Honorable Richard J. Leon

United States District Judge

May 11, 2018

Ceremonial Courtroom
E. Barrett Prettyman United States Courthouse
Washington, D.C.

About the Artist

MICHAEL SHANE NEAL

Since beginning a full time career as an artist at 21, Michael Shane Neal has completed more than 600 portraits on display around the world. Recent commissions include Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, former Secretary of Energy Spencer Abraham, U.S. Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus, U.S. Senators Arlen Specter, Robert C. Byrd, and Bill Frist, Federal Chief Judge Anthony Scirica, and Actor Morgan Freeman.

Receiving his B.A. from Lipscomb, Neal also studied at the Santa Fe Institute of Fine Arts, The Scottsdale Artist School, Lyme Academy of Art, and is a protégé of America's most celebrated figurative and portrait painter, Everett Raymond Kinstler. His work has been featured in publications such as *American Artist, International Artist, The Artist's Magazine, Art News, Fine Art Connoisseur, and Nashville Arts Magazine.*

Listed among 20 contemporary artists "On the Rise" in *The Artist Magazine's* annual survey in 2004, Neal's unique, sensitive and insightful paintings display a commitment for portraying not just the outer likeness of his subjects, but their character and personality as well. A self-described "people person" Neal enthusiastically shares his excitement for interpreting his clients on canvas in a traditional yet painterly style.

Neal is on the board of directors of the Portrait Society of America and the Norman Rockwell Museum's National Council. He served for six years on the Executive Board of Trustees for Cheekwood Museum of Art. He is an Exhibiting Artist member of the National Arts Club in NYC, the Allied Artists of NY, the Artist Fellowship of NY, and the Cumberland Society of Painters, among others.

Neal also serves as a deacon at his church. He enjoys community outreach, golf, plein air painting, travel, and reading with a particular interest in history. Neal has two daughters, and he and his wife, Melanie, are the owners of a historic Nashville home, "Lone Oak," a 100 year old English manor-style country house where Neal maintains his studio.

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