

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Portrait Presentation Ceremony

of

SENIOR JUDGE BARRINGTON D. PARKER

Presiding:

CHIEF JUDGE AUBREY E. ROBINSON

Washington, D.C.
Friday, March 6, 1987
4:00 p.m.

Remarks:

THE HONORABLE DAMON J. KEITH, Circuit Judge, United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit

THE HONORABLE CHARLES R. RICHEY, District Judge, United States District Court for the District of Columbia

JACOB A. STEIN, ESQ., Former President of the District of Columbia Bar

ALAN M. GRIMALDI, ESQ., Former Law Clerk to Judge Parker

Presentation of Portrait:

JEFFREY B. MALETTA, ESQ., and THURGOOD MARSHALL, JR., ESQ., Former Law Clerks to Judge Parker, on Behalf of the Law Clerks to Judge Parker

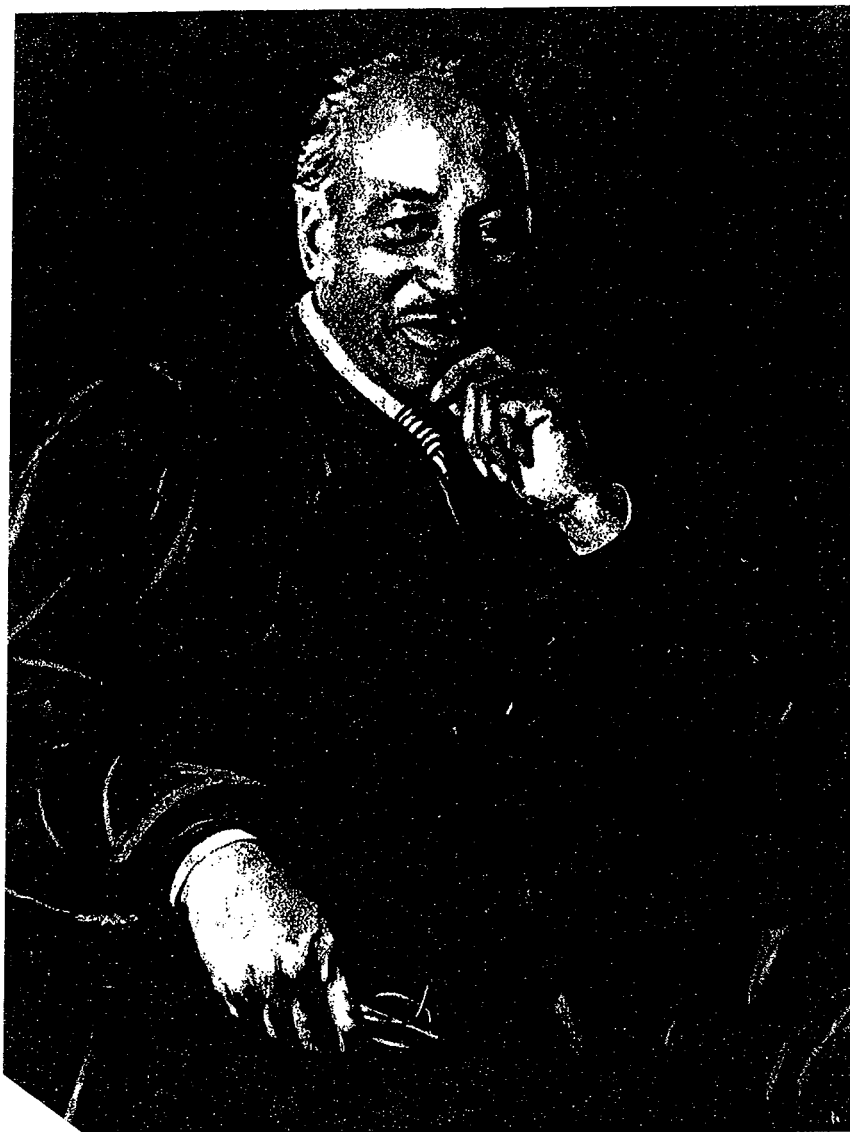
Unveiling of Portrait:

MRS. MARJORIE H. PARKER and CHRISTINE TRENT PARKER

Remarks:

THE HONORABLE BARRINGTON D. PARKER

The artist was Mr. Donald Stivers,
Wilton, Connecticut



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Proceedings

DEPUTY UNITED STATES MARSHAL SMITHEA: All persons having business before this Honorable Court, the Honorable Chief Judge Robinson and Judges of the United States District Court in and for the District of Columbia, now holding a special session for the unveiling of the portrait of the Honorable Judge Barrington D. Parker of the United States District Court, will draw nigh and give their attention.

This Honorable Court is now in session.

God save the Government of the United States and this Honorable Court.

Please be seated and come to order.

CHIEF JUDGE ROBINSON: This special session of the Court is convened so that the family, friends and colleagues of Judge Barrington D. Parker may join in the Court's receipt and dedication of his portrait.

On behalf of the Court I welcome each and every one of you.

Seated in the well of the Court are Judge Parker's wife, Mrs. Marjorie H. Parker; his son, Jason H. Parker; and his son, Barrington D. Parker, Jr.; his daughter-in-law, Toni Trent Parker; and his granddaughters, Christine and Kathleen, who join many other close family friends.

I am pleased to acknowledge the presence of judges from our Circuit Court of Appeals and from the District of Columbia Courts, our United States Attorney, Joseph diGenova, and members of his staff; our United States Marshal, Herbert Rutherford, and members of his staff, and many members of the Clerk's Office and Probation Office.

We are pleased to have as our guest and sitting on the Bench Judge Parker's long-time friend—note I didn't say "old friend"—his confidant and colleague, Judge Damon Jerome Keith of the United States Circuit Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit.

I now call upon Judge Keith for remarks.

REMARKS BY THE HONORABLE DAMON J. KEITH,
CIRCUIT JUDGE, UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS

JUDGE KEITH: Thank you, Chief Judge Aubrey E. Robinson, United States Court of Appeals Judges for the District of Columbia

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Circuit, United States District Court Judges, Judges of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals, other judges and distinguished guests all.

Ladies and gentlemen, I am thoroughly delighted and honored to be here as a long-time friend and admirer of the Honorable Barrington Daniel Parker.

Those of us who know Judge Parker hold him in the utmost esteem. He is a man of accomplishment, of energy, and, most importantly, of principle. He truly exemplifies the adage that it matters little what a man is born to. What matters is what he does with his life after birth.

Measured by that standard Judge Parker is an unqualified success.

To his friends Judge Parker is a warm, caring and loyal friend. To his colleagues and those who appear before him Judge Parker is a thoughtful, challenging jurist.

He has that special rarity, a man who has the ability to relate to everyone, one who makes not only his friends but all whom he meets, to feel at home and special.

Many of us are here because Judge Parker in his role as friend, as advisor and mentor, always pointed the way for us to excellence and achievement.

He is an exemplar of the overachiever. In 1982 Judge Parker received the Professional Achievement Award from the Alumni Association of the University of Chicago.

He also springs from a deep tradition of excellence. His father, the late George A. Parker, was deeply rooted in the law and appeared for many years as a highly regarded and active practitioner before the District Court. Judge Parker attended one of the finest undergraduate institutions in America, Lincoln University in Pennsylvania, by coincidence a black university, before graduating from the University of Chicago Law School.

We are also here because Judge Parker is quite simply a brilliant and perceptive jurist. When he took the oath of office at his investiture in 1969, he pledged to "administer justice without respect to persons," to "do equal right to the poor and to the rich," and to "faithfully and impartially discharge all of his duties to the best of his abilities and understanding agreeably to the Constitution and laws of the United States."

Even a casual perusal of the opinions and body of Judge Parker's work proves that he has fulfilled his oath many times over.

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By pledging to discharge his duties to the best of his ability, Judge Parker brought to the Bench a keen intellect and the capacity to handle some of the most difficult and complex cases to come before this very distinguished and busy court, and he is still receiving these very difficult and complex cases.

I understand that he recently drew the assignment of one of the key figures in the Iran-Contra matter, who has challenged in civil litigation the independent counsel provisions of the Ethics in Government Act.

From civil cases to cases involving complex points of constitutional law to cases involving the most basic civil liberties Judge Parker has evidenced time and time again his talent for weighing and deciding tough legal issues without respect to persons.

Not only does he enjoy the reputation of being a most capable jurist, he is also gifted with the singular ability, much envied among judges, to lay out the issues in a clear, concise, precise and well-reasoned opinion.

Let me suggest that you read a recent opinion, the case of *Doyle v. Brock*, 641 F.Supp. 223 (1986),* in which Judge Parker discusses our country's political system in the context of free and democratic union elections.

He writes in these words: "Our political system does not impose artificial requirements on potential candidates to protect the public from unworthy or unqualified leadership.

"We do not, for example, empower political parties or some other commission or Government board to administer an examination to candidates for national office and pass judgment on their familiarity with specified issues of national importance. - Nor do we require local candidates to attend a specified number of town meetings or party caucuses to qualify for the ballot. Our democratic system assumes the ability of the populace to discern qualified and capable leaders, to exercise common sense and judgment in casting their ballots.

"There are times when some may feel that such an assumption is not justified, but the freedom of us all would be curtailed if we were to abandon this principle."

In those phrases Judge Parker manages to convey persuasively and eloquently the need for fair union elections.

More importantly, however, Judge Parker also shows his deep faith in the laws and liberties that make this country what it is.

Judge Parker's concern for freedom is in keeping with his duty to uphold the Constitution and the laws of the United States.

* *Aff'd*, No. 86-5608 (D.C.Cir. June 26, 1987).

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Now I believe you know that in court he is known as a "no nonsense" judge. Every attorney knows or learns that when you appear in Judge Parker's courtroom you have to be prepared and knowledgeable of every detail of your own case and ready to answer cogent and relevant questions from this very articulate, perceptive and incisive jurist.

These are all very important aspects of the man we honor today and pay respect to—Judge Parker as jurist, as mentor. Yet what is most important to me is Judge Parker as a dear and close personal friend.

It is not often that one can find a true friend. Blessed with a warm, loving family, Judge Parker extends that warmth to all of his friends in such a way that those who are close to him know that they are really special.

Also it is entirely proper that we present this portrait of our dear friend Barrington Parker during the first year of the Bicentennial of the United States Constitution.

"We, the people" made an agreement with our Government, and part of that agreement was that we would be served with honest, impartial judges who would apply the law regardless of social station, race, religion or place of origin.

In his years of service to this country he has represented the ideal of what a Judge of the United States Courts should be under Article III of our Constitution.

He has done his best to uphold the values of that great document and promote the principle inscribed on the Supreme Court Building here in Washington—"Equal justice under law."

Perhaps the clearest statement of the greatness of this man is right here in this room that is overflowing with friends and acquaintances who admire him.

Longfellow said that "Lives of great men all remind us we can make our lives sublime and departing leave behind us footprints on the sands of time."

We hear evidence of that truism, each of us, because Judge Parker has touched us in some way, small or great.

We all bear his mark and are testament to his greatness as husband, father, friend and jurist.

Judge Parker, keep making those footprints in the sand. You are an example to all of us.

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In closing, I would like to say that the late Judge Friendly had this to say about the distinguished Judge Learned Hand, and I quote: "he was serious, but not solemn; scholarly, but not pretentious; righteous, but not prudish; disciplined, yet vagrant; sceptical, yet joyous; impatient, yet tolerant."

I think that quote describes eloquently the man we are honoring today, Judge Barrington D. Parker.

I join all of you in wishing Judge Parker; his lovely wife, Marjorie; his two sons, Jason and Danny; his daughter-in-law, Toni; and his two granddaughters, "Godspeed" on this joyous occasion.

Congratulations, Barrington.

CHIEF JUDGE ROBINSON: Thank you, Judge Keith.

Next we shall hear from a member of our Court, who has been a close friend of our honoree for many years and a colleague of ours for 16 years, Judge Charles R. Richey.

REMARKS BY THE HONORABLE CHARLES R. RICHEY, DISTRICT JUDGE, UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

JUDGE RICHEY: Chief Judge Robinson, members of the Court, Judge Keith, judges of our United States Court of Appeals, members of our D.C. Court of Appeals, Superior Court Judges of the District of Columbia, distinguished guests and friends of Judge Parker and his family: We are delighted to share with you, Barrington, another great milestone in your life which just happens to be the unveiling of your portrait.

I want to say at the beginning, Judge Keith, that you have proved once again that you really are an appellate judge because you, in large measure, preempted many things we were going to say about Judge Parker.

Accordingly, we will have to supplement what you just said so eloquently. We will also have to keep in mind that our Chief Judge Robinson is like the Speaker of the House of Representatives. He observes a two-minute rule. We must not disobey that command.

First, we would say that Judge Parker is a judge not just during the hours of the day when the Courthouse is open, but all of us who know him realize that he is a judge 24 hours a day. All of you who have been in his chambers know that he is always surrounded by books, briefs, opinions, drafts of opinions, Law Review articles, and what-have-you. These are always on his desk and the tables in his chambers. The same is true with respect to his home environment—his kitchen, dining room, library, and even his bedroom at

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home. Our point is that he is a student of the law at all times of the day and night.

He has been this way since he came to the bar and particularly since he took office as a member of our great court. The public and the Government have certainly received their money's worth in Judge Parker and the quality of his work.

In Judge Parker's instance I think there is another thing that is rather unique about him, and that is this: To him the *little* case is just as important as the *big* case. And so, for example, the complex multi-district and protracted National Student Marketing securities law litigation; the trial of the defendants charged with the assassination of former Chilean Ambassador Orlando Letelier; or the prosecution of John Hinckley for the President Reagan assassination attempt, which involved the controversial insanity defense; or the recent U.S. News & World Report bench trial involving complex ERISA and securities law issues which he just concluded after some 72 days of testimony were, and have been, important to him and the litigants.

But those high visibility trials involving public figures were no more important than that of the plain, small, unknown, everyday individual litigant who has a just, personal grievance and who appears before him with a minor, discrete Federal claim. Judge Parker can and does handle both litigants equally well. They are equally important to him and receive careful consideration. He makes no distinction because of their personal status or position.

We also know that Judge Parker is unique in other respects. He has profound interest in each one of us, his fellow judges, our spouses, our children and anyone else in our families of whom he is aware. The same is true of his staff and those in our Courthouse family. He is always among the first to call when we are affirmed by the Court of Appeals; I won't say what happens when we are reversed.

Judge Parker has been of great service to this Court over the years, since he began in 1969. He has chaired our important Calendar Committee. Judge Joyce Green knows how difficult that is; just ask her. It is a rather thankless, but yet it is an important assignment. He did that with distinction for several years. He has also served on the Rules Committee and the Committee on Admissions and Grievances. None of this is pleasant, but Judge Parker has always served willingly, pleasantly and effectively.

The judge also is unique in the sense that his views and trial experiences are sought out by his colleagues on this Court and throughout the country.

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I personally happen to know of an occasion just recently when a District Court judge from South Carolina sought his advice, and of another District judge from Chicago who sought his advice and counsel about problems confronting them in their respective courts. Judge Parker was known to have successfully resolved similar problems in various proceedings over which he had presided.

In addition, I recall several years ago when he and I were transferee judges of the Panel on Multi-District Litigation, the two of us traveled to California for a meeting of that committee, and as we finished the meeting and were about to leave to go to the airport, a very prominent and well-known jurist came up to me and said, "Chuck, I want to see Barrington, and I want to drive him to the airport.

"I want to talk to him alone because he has dealt with a complex Rule 23 and securities law problem, and I want his undivided attention, so would you mind going with 'so-and-so' to the airport and let me have his attention?"

Well, Barrington did that. I got to the plane, and no Judge Parker, and I boarded the plane and still no Judge Parker.

I arrived at Dulles Airport alone and I found Dr. Marjorie Parker, but I couldn't tell her where her husband was.

Thank goodness about 20 minutes later another plane arrived and Barrington was on it, but I don't believe Marjorie understands to this day that a colleague from the District Court for the Central District of California had caused him to miss the flight.

What higher accolade could come to a judge than the respect of his peers on his own court and other courts throughout the country.

Judge Parker has a unique capacity to be interested in many fields of human endeavor, not only the law, but also the theater, collegiate and professional sports, the environment, national politics, and of course his local community of Washington, D.C. This not only makes him a well-rounded person, but also a better judge.

Now I will tell you something negative. Never go in Judge Parker's presence with a new book, a new Law Review or anything of the like which he might not have seen because if you do, Judge Parker will ask for it, and he will generally not return it unless you ask for it back.

If you don't believe me, ladies and gentlemen, I will just ask our Chief Judge for verification. On one occasion, several years ago, I remember we were in his Chambers and Chief Judge Robinson said, "My goodness, there is that book I have been looking for for years, Barrington. Why didn't you return that to me? I have been looking all over for it."

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Our Chief Judge got his book back and Judge Parker had inadvertently kept it because of his insatiable interest for knowledge in all fields of endeavor. He just can't resist giving things up that contain new information and knowledge.

Lastly, we who know Judge Barrington D. Parker are aware that for the last 12 years that he has demonstrated unusual courage, perseverance and determination beyond which words can describe. He has sought no special privilege or favor, notwithstanding what happened to him in that tragic accident and resulting permanent disability he sustained several years ago. He has more than carried his full share. He has not in any manner shirked any case assignments while serving on this Court.

We also know Judge Barrington Parker not only as a man of dignity, but also for his integrity and his strict sense of discipline for himself and for others. He gives of himself totally in the cause of and search for equal justice, and expects no less from all others in his courtroom or elsewhere.

I don't believe that any portrait, great as it must be, could really demonstrate the true dimension of this great man and to the monument to the law and the cause of justice that he represents and will always represent.

Thank you.

CHIEF JUDGE ROBINSON: Thank you, Judge Richey.

Representing the practicing Bar, a friend and counsellor to Judge Parker, retiring Chairman of this Court's Advisory Committee on Rules, former president of the District of Columbia Bar, Attorney Jacob A. Stein.

REMARKS OF JACOB A. STEIN, ESQ., FORMER PRESIDENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA BAR AND RETIRING CHAIRMAN OF THE COURT'S COMMITTEE ON RULES

MR. STEIN: Thank you, Judge Robinson.

Judge Barrington D. Parker and I first met in the fall of 1949. We were two young lawyers trying to find out something about the mysterious science of the law, and what brought us together was that in the old courthouse—this among people of Judge Parker's vintage and mine is the new courthouse—we were assigned to represent two defendants in a house-breaking case, and nothing brings two people closer together than acting as co-counsel in an indefensible criminal case, and that is how we met. We remained friends over the years, and the years have sped by so fast, I don't think either one of us can believe it.

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Judge Parker was a hard-working lawyer constantly in the courts. His practice was mainly a civil practice, but when a good criminal case came along, he just couldn't turn down a good criminal case. And when it was a difficult case, he always turned to W.B. W.B. is Judge William Benson Bryant, who at that time was the sage of the Defense Criminal Bar.

They tried some interesting criminal cases together, one of them where they got a wonderful and unusual acquittal, involved a policeman who himself got involved in a double homicide.

Judge Parker inherited the love of law from his father, George A. Parker, who also was a successful Washington lawyer as well as a contributor to legal education for minorities through his efforts with the Robert H. Terrell Law School. Judge Parker also inherited his father's political persuasion and interest in local and national public affairs.

At times that is a lonely vigil here in the District of Columbia, but it brought certain benefits under what is known as the collateral source rule, and in 1969 as a collateral benefit Judge Parker was appointed a judge of this court.

Those who know him well know him as a man who strives for excellence and a high quality of performance in all he does. He has had his mettle as a judge well tested because he has been phenomenally lucky on the turn of the wheel, and judging by the newspapers, the luck is still holding; we know from the media that he has now been assigned to the challenge brought by a recent public figure to the appointment of counsel under the Ethics in Government Act.

He has handled all of these cases, some of the most interesting cases that have come into the courthouse, with dignity, dispatch and distinction.

Most lawyers get their impression of the personality of the judge by what goes on in the courtroom. However, in order to know Judge Parker, you must see him in the round. You must see him with his wife Marjorie.

Then Judge Parker, the stern disciplinarian, the upholder of the decorum of the courtroom, the judge who wants all the rules followed, who wants counsel to stand when addressing the Court, he becomes a charming, easy-going, most happy fellow whose distinguishing feature is a quick, facile sense of humor.

Marjorie, or perhaps more formally, Dr. Parker, who has had a fine career in her own right, is the great balance wheel of Barrington's life.

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REMARKS BY ALAN M. GRIMALDI, ESQ., FORMER LAW CLERK TO JUDGE PARKER

MR. GRIMALDI: Chief Judge Robinson, distinguished judges and guests, Judge Parker and the Parker family, and friends: It is a distinct pleasure and honor for me to appear before you on behalf of all the law clerks of Judge Parker.

We have looked forward to this happy occasion for some time and we welcome you to the ceremony where we will present his portrait to the Court to appear beside many other distinguished members of the Judiciary.

Over the past 17 years Judge Parker has given the privilege of being his law clerk to more than three dozen men and women, many of whom are in the well of the court today.

I hope that all judges recall with pride the special relationship that develops between themselves and their law clerks. All of you have sent lawyers to the four corners of this country to practice their trade, and so has Judge Parker.

You have sent clerks to the largest of law firms and the smallest corporations, to State, local and Federal agencies, to Congress and the Executive Branch. You have sent them to law schools as professors and teachers of the next generation of lawyers, and so has Judge Parker.

You have taught us at the earliest times in our legal careers respect for the Bench and the Bar, and you have influenced our professional lives as our own parents have influenced our personal lives, and so has Judge Parker.

There are times when we are with our friends, colleagues or spouses having read or heard about a decision from the Judge for whom we clerked, and how many times have we commented, "Hey, that is my judge. That is the judge I clerked for."

It is as if we are trying to recapture some of the glory of the earlier days. It is as if we still believe that we had some small influence over the final decision, but it is more. It is a pride of association we wish never to relinquish, and it is that pride of association that brings us here today.

While many memories of our clerkship are unique to ourselves, there are common elements that I would like to share with you.

Judge Parker has an uncanny ability to make you feel special, to make you feel as if you made an important contribution.

Long after our clerkships he still inquires about our family members, spouses, children. He remembers special events. He also has a special ability to teach. It has been said that a teacher

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affects an eternity. He can never tell where or when his influence stops.

And Judge Parker is still teaching us. His drive was for perfection, but there was no loss of confidence in one's self if you weren't perfect.

We all know of the important civil and criminal matters over which he presided with great skill, but he did the same with all those other routine cases which were important only to the parties who litigated them.

We learned that the quest for justice was always paramount with him.

These are qualities which stay with us.

If one were permitted to use only a few words to describe the Judge, the words "dedication" and "courage" would have to be among them—dedication to his family, to the Bench and Bar, and to the community.

Through his dedication he has given back to the community more than he has taken. He has been a private practitioner in Washington, D.C., and an Adjunct Professor in Trial Practice at the American University School of Law.

As Judge Keith mentioned, he was honored by the University of Chicago with their Professional Achievement Award to the alumnus who had distinguished himself and brought credit to the school and to the community.

And I could go on and on. But no tribute to Judge Parker is complete without remembering some of the days in his life which were not as bright and happy as today.

During the months following his accident the terms "dedication" and "courage" took on new meaning. At a time when it would have been easy for him to say, "I have paid my dues, and I have done my duty to my country, and I want to leave the Bench," and no one would have faulted him; what we saw was a renewal of the spirit, a rededication to the profession and Bench, and a courage that was unique.

Yes, he was still teaching his law clerks, and all those around him for that matter.

So to all the distinguished guests here today, to Judge Parker's friends and family, his wife, Marjorie Parker, in concluding, I would like to say on behalf of all his clerks, "Hey, that is our judge. That is Judge Parker. That is the judge we clerked for, and we are very proud of him."

Thank you.

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CHIEF JUDGE ROBINSON: Presenting the portrait will be Judge Parker's former law clerk, Jeffrey Maletta, from the firm of Kirkpatrick & Lockhart.

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MR. MALETTA: Chief Judge Robinson, thank you.

Members of the Court, honored guests, Judge and Dr. Parker, and members of the Parker family:

It is an honor for me on behalf of Judge Parker's law clerks to present to the Court a portrait of Judge Parker painted by Mr. Donald Stivers of Wilton, Connecticut.

Mr. Stivers unfortunately could not be with us today, but he has expressed to me his pleasure in working with the Judge and his pleasure in the completed work that is to be unveiled today.

To Alan's words I only add my own gratitude to Judge Parker from my clerkship experience. We learned a great deal from Judge Parker, not only a familiarity with procedural and substantive law, but, more importantly, our research and writing skills were improved and we gained greater insight into the working of our legal system.

I doubt that during our terms as law clerks we could have given to Judge Parker something of equal worth, but we do at this time present his portrait to this Court as an expression of our appreciation and an expression of our affection for Judge Parker and his wife.

Thank you.

CHIEF JUDGE ROBINSON: Thank you very much.

Thurgood Marshall, Jr., Counsellor to the Consumer Subcommittee of the Senate Commerce Committee, will escort Mrs. Marjorie Parker and granddaughter Christine for the unveiling.

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CHIEF JUDGE ROBINSON: I accept this portrait on behalf of the United States District Court for the District of Columbia.

It will be a constant reminder of the years of dedicated service that Barrington D. Parker has given and is still giving to this community and the nation as a member of this Court.

When hung, it will rightfully join distinguished company.

We thank Judge Parker's law clerks, past and present, for this gift to our treasured collection.

Now our honoree, Judge Barrington D. Parker.

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REMARKS BY HONORABLE BARRINGTON D. PARKER

JUDGE PARKER: Chief Judge Robinson, my colleagues and friends: This is, indeed, an occasion which will provide pleasant memories and recollection for time to come.

The fact that I am not designated for remarks in the printed program is more than a subtle suggestion that I be brief. Remember, however, the Judge has the last word.

At the outset I wish to express my appreciation and gratitude to my colleague, Judge Damon J. Keith of the Sixth Circuit, "D.K.," as I know him. Our families have been close and warm friends since our respective appointments to the Federal Bench.

This occasion is very meaningful to me because of his presence.

The same is true of Judge Charles R. Richey and Mr. Jacob A. Stein. Chuck and I, despite our mutual disagreements over common issues and problems, for many years nonetheless have had each other's mutual respect and have maintained a firm and steady friendship. Jake and I became members of the D.C. Bar at approximately the same time. Our friendship extends beyond 25 years.

Jake appropriated a portion of my remarks. On occasions when we reminisce, we recall our first appointment to represent two defendants in a criminal proceeding in the old Municipal Court Building. Indeed, that was a most unusual experience for us and does not warrant or merit any additional remarks beyond that already offered.

For the several years I have served on this Bench, I have had an outstanding corps of law clerks. As recent law school graduates they came from vastly different social and economic backgrounds and came with vastly different day-to-day practical experiences.

Some came with earned reputations for scholarship and achievement. Others came with high predictions and expectations and promises of achievement. All performed exceptionally well and left little to be desired.

Beyond all of this, they have demonstrated a high degree of dedication to their chosen profession and a keen sensitivity and awareness of their responsibility to improve the quality of life for others in the pursuit of their personal career.

Today's occasion would not have been possible except for the close relationship and mutual affection that exists between me and my present and former law clerks. There is nothing unusual about that. It is something that develops naturally and spontaneously between a judge and the young, bright, promising law school graduates.

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The clerks soon become an extended family, and even though they serve for only a short period, the judge necessarily and naturally shares in their successes and achievements as well as in their disappointments. The judge-clerk relationship is warm, lasting and genuine. And so I express my appreciation to the family of the law clerks, those who are present here today, and those who were unable to be present, who through Alan Grimaldi, Jeffrey Maletta and Goody Marshall have made this a well-remembered occasion.

I want to mention two individuals seated immediately in front of me. One is the court reporter. The other is the courtroom clerk.

Gene Olsen, I would venture, has been with me for at least 15 years. He is truly a professional and has been of great service and assistance.

Mrs. Flynn, Betty Flynn, is not with me at present, but she is the oldest courtroom clerk—well—[laughter]

Gene, strike that. [laughter]

Betty served with me as a courtroom clerk for a longer period than any other. She is outstanding in the Courtroom Division—a resourceful and most competent clerk. She certainly can recount and recall many bitterly contested as well as amusing trials and proceedings she has witnessed and participated in as an important employee.

Lastly, in order only, I want to acknowledge Mrs. Marjorie Holloman Parker, who for better or for worse entered into a general partnership with me nearly 50 years ago. For that period of time she has been a sustaining and continuing source of comfort and understanding. She has retained her equanimity and grace at all times under many difficult and stressful circumstances. I hope she knows that I am grateful for everything.

I am, of course, delighted and well pleased that sharing this occasion with me are my two sons, Jason and Danny; my daughter-in-law Toni and my two beautiful granddaughters.

I have been a member of the United States District Court for the District of Columbia for something short of 20 years. The tempo and pace have not slackened or lessened. It has been a rewarding, demanding and exciting experience.

I hope that I will have the opportunity to continue to work with my colleagues and to contribute in some way for many more years.

I see and acknowledge many of my friends in the audience, a few elementary and grade school classmates, a few junior high and senior high classmates, college classmates and friends, members of

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my church community and several of my immediate neighbors. This is, indeed, a heart-warming occasion.

I thank you all very much.

CHIEF JUDGE ROBINSON: In discussing the role that I was to play, I had many conversations with Barrington, and I had listed in detail almost minute by minute his instructions. I left out one of the details because I suggested not too subtly that it would be impossible on this occasion to name all of his friends.

He might give me a list. He said, "I will hand it to you at 3 o'clock on the afternoon of March 6th."

At 3 o'clock I waited for the list, and then was advised, and I knew I would get this response, "I have reflected upon that list, and in order not to unduly delay these proceedings, and in order to be certain that I didn't leave anybody out of the audience, I had better not mention anybody."

But we certainly welcome all of you. It is heart-warming to us as it must be to his family that you would come and be with us on this occasion.

Now every one of you is cordially invited to attend the reception in Judge Parker's honor, which is in the Judges' Dining Room on this floor.

I must warn you that all of us can't get in there at the same time.

Thank you on behalf of the Court for your presence.

THE DEPUTY MARSHAL: All rise.

[Whereupon, at 4:40 p.m. the portrait presentation ceremony was concluded.]