

**The Honorable Durke Thompson (Ret.)** retired in June 2011 after more than 17 years as a Circuit Court judge in Montgomery County. While on the bench, Judge Thompson presided over complex civil and criminal matters. As an original judge assigned to the Business & Technology Division of the court, many of Judge Thompson's decisions are reported on the Maryland Judiciary's Business & Technology web site at <http://www.courts.state.md.us/businessstech/opinions.html>. Judge Thompson is currently a mediator in the Montgomery County court mandated mediation program as well as a private mediator and recall judge for the 6th Circuit. He continues to lecture on many legal topics. Prior to becoming a judge, Judge Thompson enjoyed 27 years in a private law practice litigating actions in contracts, torts (including medical and legal malpractice), corporations, estate issues, government claims and family law. Judge Thompson served as President of the Bar Association of Montgomery County (Maryland) and chaired on many of its sections and committees. He served five terms on the Executive Committee of the Maryland State Bar Association and was President of Montgomery Inns of Court. For 17 years he was a member and then Chair of the MSBA Judicial Appointments Committee. Judge Thompson headed the creation of an arbitration service for Montgomery County's Bar Association and served as an AAA arbitrator prior to taking the bench. Judge Thompson received his B.A. from the University of Maryland in 1964, and his J.D. from the University of Wisconsin in 1967. He was named the Montgomery County Outstanding Jurist of the Year in 2011.