

**The Honorable Nelson W. Rupp, Jr. (Ret.)** retired from the 6th Judicial Circuit (Montgomery and Frederick counties). Judge Rupp served on the bench for over twenty-six years, in both the District and Circuit Courts, and continues to preside as a recall judge. Prior to his appointment to the bench, Judge Rupp was a partner in the civil litigation firm, Jordan Coyne Savits and Lopata and chaired its Maryland Litigation Team. Judge Rupp also served as an Assistant State's Attorney for Montgomery and Prince George's Counties, Deputy State's Attorney for St. Mary's County and as an Assistant Public Defender for Montgomery County. Judge Rupp is a mediator with The McCammon Group and serves as mediator for both the Court of Special Appeals mediation program and the Montgomery County Circuit Court mandated mediation program. He has been teaching Trial Advocacy as an Adjunct Faculty member at the Washington College of Law, American University for over twenty-three years. Judge Rupp designed and founded the Adult Drug Treatment Court for the Montgomery County Circuit in 2004 and continues to preside over its Drug Court. Judge Rupp received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Denison University and his Juris Doctor from the Washington College of Law, American University, where he was a member of its Law Review. Judge Rupp's honors include two Outstanding Jurist Awards from the Montgomery County Bar Association and the Maryland Leadership in Law Award from the Daily Record. He's currently on the Board of the Phoenix Recovery Academy in Frederick, Md.