

## **Justice Randolph to address May 27 law enforcement graduation**

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Mississippi Supreme Court Justice Michael K. Randolph will be the keynote speaker May 27 when law officers from across the state graduate from the Southern Regional Public Safety Institute at Camp Shelby. The graduation ceremony is scheduled for 10:30 a.m. at Dolton Hall at Camp Shelby.

The graduates have completed the institute's basic law enforcement training program. The graduating class includes 27 officers from police departments, sheriff's departments and other law enforcement agencies across the state.

The Southern Regional Public Safety Institute, one of four basic law enforcement training academies in the state, is affiliated with the University of Southern Mississippi.

Justice Randolph has served on the Supreme Court since April 2004.

He served as chairman of the Legislatively-created Justice Court Task Force, which recommended revisions to the Justice Court system. He also served as co-chairman of the Task Force for Youth Court Rules of Procedure, which developed a set of uniform rules of procedure for Youth Courts. He serves on numerous internal committees of the court.

Before his appointment to the court, he practiced law for 29 years, first on the Gulf Coast, then in Hattiesburg.

He graduated from Rollins College in Winter Park, Fla., with a B.S. degree in business administration in 1972. He earned his juris doctorate from the University of Mississippi School of Law in 1974, where he served as president of the Law School Student Body.

He was decorated for heroism in Vietnam, where he served as an air traffic controller with the U.S. Army 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Division, known as the Big Red One. He was honorably discharged in 1967. During law school he joined the U.S. Naval Reserve. He attended the Naval Justice School in Newport, Rhode Island. He served as an attorney with the Judge Advocate General Corps. He was honorably discharged in 1975.

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