

# Justice Randolph, Judge Davidson inducted as Fellows of Mississippi Bar Foundation

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Mississippi Supreme Court Justice Michael K. Randolph of Hattiesburg and Fourteenth Chancery District Judge H. Jim Davidson Jr. of Columbus have been named Fellows of the Mississippi Bar Foundation.

Fifteen Bar Fellows were inducted at a dinner ceremony at the Old Capitol Inn in Jackson on April 12. Being named a Fellow is the highest honor given by the Bar Foundation. Fellows represent the highest level of professionalism, leadership and integrity, said Mississippi Bar Foundation President-elect Ronald L. Roberts of Columbus.

Others inducted as Bar Fellows for 2012 include Social Security Administration Administrative Law Judge Deborah S. Davis of Tupelo; attorney Lee P. Gore of Hattiesburg; Fifteenth Circuit District Attorney Hal Kittrell of Columbia; Rep. Edward Blackmon Jr. of Canton; attorneys Clifford B. Ammons, Vicki R. Slater and Vikki J. Taylor of Jackson; attorney Leonard B. Cobb of Meridian; attorney James P. Johnstone of Pontotoc; attorneys J. Cal Mayo Jr. and J. Rhea Tannehill Jr. of Oxford; former Attorney General Mike Moore of Flowood; and attorney Charliene Roemer of Biloxi.

District Attorney Anthony N. Lawrence III of Pascagoula received the Bar Foundation's Law-Related Public Education Award. Attorney Christy D. Jones of Ridgeland was honored with the Bar Foundation's Professionalism Award.

Justice Randolph has served on the Supreme Court since April 2004. He was chairman of the 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. Before his appointment to the court, he practiced law for 29 years, first on the Gulf Coast, then in Hattiesburg.

Justice Randolph 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.

Justice Randolph 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. 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.

Judge Davidson has served on the Fourteenth Chancery Court since January 2007. The Fourteenth Chancery District is made up of Lowndes, Chickasaw, Clay, Noxubee, Oktibbeha and Webster counties. Before he was elected to the bench, he practiced law in Columbus for 32 years.

Judge Davidson previously served as president of the Lowndes County Bar, chairman of the Bar Complaints Committee, and chairman of the Paralegal Committee of the Mississippi Bar. He has served as chairman of the Mississippi School for Mathematics and Science Foundation, Lowndes County Salvation Army Advisory Board, Lowndes Foundation, Chamber of Commerce, and Economic Development Association. He is professor emeritus at Mississippi University for Women.

Judge Davidson received a Bachelor of Arts degree in biology in 1971 and a law degree in 1974 from the University of Mississippi.

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