

## COURT OF APPEALS BIOGRAPHIES

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**ROBERT C. MURPHY.** 2nd Appellate Circuit, Court of Appeals, 1972—; Chief Judge. Born in Baltimore, October 9, 1926. Attended Forest Park High School; University of Maryland; University of Maryland School of Law, J.D., 1951. Admitted to Maryland Bar, 1952. Served in U.S. Navy, 1944-46. Member, American and Maryland State Bar Associations. Special assistant attorney general, assistant attorney general, deputy attorney general, and Attorney General of Maryland, 1956-67. Chief Judge, Court of Special Appeals, 1967-72. Chairman, Constitutional Commission on Judicial Disabilities, 1971-72. Chairman, Hall of Records Commission. Member, Governor's Advisory Board for Justice Assistance. Member, Governing Board of Council for State Governments, 1986—. President, Conference of Chief Justices, 1986-87. Chairman, Board of Directors, National Center for State Courts, Williamsburg, Virginia, 1986-87. Former Chairman and present member, Board of Trustees, University of Maryland Alumni Association-International. Honorary Doctor of Laws, University of Maryland and University of Baltimore; honorary membership in the Order of the Coif, University of Maryland School of Law.



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