

COURT OF APPEALS

BIOGRAPHIES OF MEMBERS

ROBERT C. MURPHY. 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 the Maryland Bar, 1952. Member, Maryland State Bar Association. Special assistant attorney general, assistant attorney general, deputy attorney general, and attorney general of Maryland, 1956–1967. Chief judge, Court of Special Appeals, 1967–1972. Member, Board of Trustees of Mount St. Mary's College. Chairman, Constitutional Commission on Judicial Disabilities, 1971–1972; chairman, Hall of Records Commission. Member, Maryland Criminal Justice Coordinating Council. Honorary Doctor of Laws, University of Maryland and University of Baltimore; honorary membership in the Order of Coif, University of Maryland School of Law. Married; 3 children.



HARRY A. COLE. Court of Appeals, 1977—. Born in Washington, D.C., January 1, 1921. Attended Baltimore public schools; Morgan State College, A.B., 1943; University of Maryland School of Law, LL.B., 1949. Admitted to the Maryland Bar, 1949. Member, National, Maryland State, Baltimore City, and Monumental City Bar Associations; American Judicature Society; member, Executive Committee, Maryland Judicial Conference, 1971. Justice of the peace, 1951; substitute magistrate, 1952; assistant attorney general, 1953; associate judge, Municipal Court of Baltimore City, 1967; associate judge, Supreme Bench of Baltimore City, 1968–1977. Maryland State Senate, 1954–1958. Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity; Board of Managers, YMCA; life member, NAACP; Executive Committee, U.S. National Commission for UNESCO; first chairman, Maryland Advisory Committee on Civil Rights to the U.S. Civil Rights Commission; former member, Board of Directors, Maryland Multiple Sclerosis Society; Maryland Citizens Planning and Housing Committee; Board of Directors, Baltimore Zoological Society; member, The Civitans; board member, Union Memorial Hospital, Camp Fire Girls, and Baltimore Museum of Art; chairman, Board of Visitors, Morgan State College; president, University of Maryland Law School Alumni Association. First Man of the Year, Alpha Phi Alpha; First Alumnus of the Year, Morgan State College; Man of the Year, NAACP; Man of the Year, Maryland Beauticians; Man of the Year, A.M.E. Church. Married; 3 children.

JAMES F. COUCH, JR. Court of Appeals, 1982—. Born in Des Moines, Iowa, May 30, 1917. Attended Western High School, Washington, D.C.; George Washington University (no degree); Washington College of Law at the American University, J.D., 1941. Admitted to the District of Columbia Bar, 1942. Admitted to the Maryland Bar, 1950. Served in the U.S. Army, 1942–1946. Member, Maryland State and Prince George's County Bar Associations. Judge, District Court of Maryland, 1971–1972; Circuit Court for Prince

George's County, 1972–1977; Court of Special Appeals, 1977–1982. Married; 1 child.

JOHN C. ELDRIDGE. Court of Appeals, 1974—. Born in Baltimore, November 13, 1933. Attended Gilman School; Harvard College, B.A., 1955; Harvard Law School; University of Maryland School of Law, LL.B., 1959. Admitted to the Maryland Bar, 1960. Member, Maryland Bar Association, Anne Arundel County Bar Association and District of Columbia Bar; National Lawyers Club. Member, Order of the Coif. Chief legislative officer, Office of the Governor, 1969–1974; assistant chief, Civil Division, Appellate Section, U.S. Department of Justice, 1967–1969. Married; 2 children.

LAWRENCE F. RODOWSKY. Court of Appeals, 1980—. Born in Baltimore City, November 10, 1930. Attended St. Bernard School and Loyola High School; Loyola College, A.B., 1952; University of Maryland School of Law, LL.B., 1956. Admitted to the Maryland Bar, 1956. Member, Maryland State and Baltimore City Bar Associations; fellow, American College of Trial Lawyers; Order of the Coif. Assistant attorney general, 1960–1962; member, Standing Committee on Rules, Court of Appeals, 1969–1980. Member, Lawyers Round Table; Rule Day and Wranglers Law Clubs. Married; 6 children.

MARVIN H. SMITH. Court of Appeals, 1968—. Born in Federalsburg, August 10, 1916. Attended Caroline County public schools (Federalsburg); Washington College, A.B., 1937, LL.D., 1980; University of Maryland, LL.B., 1941. Admitted to the Maryland Bar, 1941. Member, American, Maryland State, Caroline County, and Second Judicial Circuit Bar Associations; American Judicature Society. Served with U.S. Army Counter Intelligence Corps, 1941–1945. Caroline County Board of Education, 1951–1953 (president, 1952–1953); Commission to Revise the Criminal Law of Maryland, 1952; assistant attorney general of Maryland, 1953–1955;