

ARIZONA BLACK BAR ASSOCIATION CECIL B PATTERSON JR.
COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

2015 RECIPIENT

Judge Maurice Portley has served

on the Arizona Court of Appeals since his appointment in 2003. He had been a trial judge on the Maricopa County Superior Court from 1991-2003, where he served as the presiding judge of the Southeast Judicial District from 1992-1996 and presiding judge of the Juvenile Court from 1997 to 2001.

Judge Portley graduated from Arizona State University in 1975 and University of Michigan Law School in 1978. He served in the US Army Judge Advocate General's Corps from 1979 to 1984, and was a partner



JUDGE
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in the Phoenix firm of Jennings, Strouss and Salmon before being appointed to the bench.

Judge Portley is currently the editor of the *Journal of Juvenile and Family Court Judges*, a publication of the National Council of Juvenile & Family Court Judges. He also strives to remain involved within community organizations, including: A Stepping Stone Foundation; Arizona Foundation for Legal Services & Education; Great Arizona Puppet Theater; and the Phoenix College Community Orchestra.

The Cecil B. Patterson, Jr. Community Service Award recognizes an Arizona Black Bar member who has provided exceptional and exemplary service to both the legal community and the community at-large. Judge Cecil B. Patterson, Jr., was the first African American appointed to the Maricopa County Superior Court and the Arizona Court of Appeals where he served with distinction. Judge Patterson continued to serve both the legal and community at-large with a fervent passion during his judiciary tenure. Throughout his legal career, Judge Patterson worked endlessly to promote diversity, as well as to support advancement of ABB members in practice and advancement to the bench. Numerous members of the Arizona bench and legal community count Judge Patterson as mentor, role model and friend. ABB honors his legacy with this award.

