

THE HONORABLE THEODORE R. NEWMAN, JR.
SENIOR JUDGE
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA COURT OF APPEALS

Judge Theodore R. Newman, Jr. was appointed to the District of Columbia Court of Appeals in 1976 by President Gerald R. Ford. He was designated to serve two four-year terms as Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals from 1976 to 1984 and assumed Senior Judge status in 1991 after serving as an Associate Judge from 1984 to 1991.

Judge Newman was born in Birmingham and raised in Tuskegee, Alabama. He graduated from Mount Hermon School in Massachusetts in 1951. He then graduated from Brown University in 1955, with a Bachelor of Arts degree in philosophy and received his J.D. degree from Harvard Law School in 1958, with a concentration in constitutional law and jurisprudence.

Following law school, Judge Newman served a three-year tour of duty with the U.S. Air Force as a Judge Advocate stationed in France. He then served as an attorney with the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice from September 1961 to August 1962 before entering the private practice of law as an associate with the firm of Houston, Bryant & Gardner in the District of Columbia. In 1968, Judge Newman left Houston, Bryant & Gardner to become a partner in the firm of Pratt, Bowers & Newman, also in the District of Columbia, a position that concluded with his appointment to the Superior Court of the District of Columbia in 1970. Judge Newman served as an Associate Judge on the Superior Court until his appointment to the Court of Appeals in October 1976.

Judge Newman is a fellow of the American Bar Foundation of the American Bar Association. He formerly held the following positions: Trustee of Brown University; President of the National Center for State Courts; and Chairman of the Judicial Council of the National Bar Association. Judge Newman served as a visiting lecturer, Harvard Law School, Adjunct Professor, Howard University School of Law, and Adjunct Professor, Georgetown Law Center. He was awarded an honorary Doctor of Laws (LL.D.) by Brown University in June 1980. In 1984, he received the highest award of the National Bar Association, the C. Francis Stradford Award, for his outstanding service in the struggle for equal justice. In 1988, he was awarded the highest award of the Judicial Council of the National Bar Association, the William H. Hastie Award, for his contribution to insuring justice for all people.

Judge Newman has traveled extensively in Africa, both professionally and personally, including Senegal, The Gambia, Mali, Ghana, Cote d'Ivoire, Nigeria, Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, Zanzibar, Botswana, Zimbabwe, South Africa and Ethiopia.