

RICHARD H. SOTHORON, JR.

PERSONAL: Date/Place of Birth: 11/25/44; Prince George's General Hospital; Cheverly
Wife: Paula Herring Sothoron
Children: Turner, 24, a graduate of Elon University, Elon, North Carolina
Carly, 21, senior at College of Charleston, Charleston, South Carolina
Residence: Upper Marlboro, Maryland
Office: Courthouse; Upper Marlboro
Health: Excellent

EDUCATION: 1969: University of Baltimore School of Law; Juris Doctor Degree
1966: University of Maryland; B.S. Degree

JUDICIAL BACKGROUND: December 1991: Appointed as Associate Judge to the Circuit Court for Prince George's County by Governor William Donald Schaefer
November 1992: Elected to the Circuit Court for Prince George's County; 15-year term
1992-present: Various judicial committees assigned by the Office of the Court Administrator, Maryland Court of Appeals

PRIOR EMPLOYMENT BACKGROUND: 1984-1991: Private practitioner; Law Office of Richard H. Sothoron, Jr., specializing in civil, criminal, and administrative litigation
1980-1984: Partner, Law firm of Knight, Manzi, Sothoron & Brennan; Upper Marlboro
1978-1980: Partner, Law firm of Shipley, Knight, Manzi & Zanecki; Upper Marlboro
1974-1978: Associate/Partner, Law firm of DePaul, Willoner & Kenkel; College Park
1974-1975: Part-time Instructor, Prince George's Community College, teaching classes in criminal law and evidence
1970-1973: Assistant State's Attorney for Prince George's County
1970: Juvenile Probation Officer; Maryland Department of Juvenile Services, Upper Marlboro
1966-1969: Deputy Courtroom Clerk, Circuit Court for Prince George's County

COURTS ADMITTED TO & PRACTICED BEFORE: 1980: United States District Court for the District of Columbia
1976: United States Circuit Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit
1974: United States Supreme Court (certiorari denied in only before this tribunal)
1974: United States District Court for the District of Maryland
1970: Maryland Court of Appeals (and Maryland Court of Special Appeals)
Have tried cases in 20 of 23 counties throughout Maryland (in their respective Circuit Courts); U.S. District Courts for Maryland, Virginia, and Washington, DC

PRIOR MARTINDALE AV HUBBEL RATING:

BAR ASSOCIATIONS/ACTIVITIES: Prince George's County Bar Association
2006; 2001; 1994: Distinguished Service Award
2005-present: Coordinator; Preserving Living History Committee; PG Courthouse
1996; 1990; 1989: President's Award for service to the Bar
1990-present: Liaison with MSBA and Local and Speciality Bar Committee
1990-present: Initiator and Coordinator of all Bar sports programs
1990: President
1989: President-elect
1988: Secretary
1988: Chairman, Fundraising Committee to furnish Bar Headquarters
1987: Treasurer
1982-1986: Board of Directors
Other Bar Association positions held include: Co-Chairman, Purchase of Bar Headquarters Committee; Chairman, Criminal Law Committee; Chairman, Civil Law Committee; Sports Commissioner; numerous bar activities of social nature

Maryland State Bar Association:

2005-present-Member, (Criminal) Committee on Pattern Jury Instructions
2004-present: Board of Directors, Maryland Bar Foundation
2000-01: President
1997-1998: Treasurer
1997: Task Force on Civility
1996-1997: Board of Governors; previous Board member: 1991-1993
1996: Executive Committee
1996: Board of Governor's liaison to Committee on Judicial Administration
1995: Chairman, Subcommittee on Special Events, Centennial Anniversary/MSBA
1994-1997: Program Committee
1994-present: Laws Committee
1993-present: Initiator/Coordinator of Maryland Inter-county (Baltimore City)
Bar Softball Tournament for Carol Jean Cancer Foundation's Camp Friendship
1991-1993: Board of Governors
1991-1997: Local and Speciality Bar Committee
1988-1991: Special Committee on Paralegals
1985-present: Life Fellow, Maryland Bar Foundation
1985-1995: Member, Criminal Law Section Council
1984-1988: Economics of Law Practice Section Council
1984: Medico-Legal Committee

American Bar Association

2000-present: Southern Conference of Bar Presidents
2000-02: Mid-Atlantic Conference of Bar Presidents
2001-03: National Conference of Bar Presidents
2000-02: ABA House of Delegates
1996-present: Life Fellow
1991-present: Member, State Trial Court Section
1974-1990: Criminal Law Section

District of Columbia Bar Association

**LEGAL
ASSOCIATIONS:
(Past Membership)**

Maryland Trial Lawyers Association
Maryland State's Attorney's Association
National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers
National District Attorney's Association
Trustee, Montgomery-Prince George's Continuing Legal Education Institute, Inc.

**ELECTED/
APPOINTED
POSITIONS:**

Appointed 1991-present: Maryland Worker's Compensation Benefit and Insurance
Oversight Committee
Elected 1988-1990; 1979-1983: Member, Trial Court's Judicial Nominating Commission
Seventh Judicial Circuit (now District 13)
Appointed 1989: Blue Ribbon Commission for Public Safety and Community Relations,
Prince George's County
Appointed 1988-1990: Counsel, Board of Ethics for Prince George's County
Appointed 1987-1990: Secretary, Industrial Development Authority,
Prince George's County
Appointed 1986-1989: Chairman, Citizen Advisory Committee,
Prince George's County Public Safety Master Plan
Elected 1985: Fellow, Maryland Bar Foundation
Appointed 1982-present: Correctional Advisory Board, Prince George's County
Appointed 1982-1986: Prince George's County Personnel Board

LISTED:

National Directory of Criminal Lawyers

RECOGNITION:

2007: Distinguished Graduate Award; University of Baltimore School of Law
2006: MSBA Judge Anselem Sodaro Judicial Civility Award
2003: The Daily Record's Leadership in Law Award

MISCELLANEOUS: 1996: Tricentennial Committee for Prince George's County; Coordinator of events
For 300th anniversary celebration on April 23, 1996
1995-1997: Chairman, Finance Committee, Trinity Episcopal Church, Upper Marlboro
1993-1998: Supporter (in whatever capacity needed) of Calvert Lacrosse Club;
Marlton Swim Team; Royal T Gymnastics Team in which my children participated
2003-2006: Parents' Council; Elon University; Elon, North Carolina
2005-present: Parents' Council; College of Charleston, Charleston, South Carolina

CERTIFICATIONS: 2005: Certified in civil mediation by Administrative Office of the Courts
2007: Certified in Civil Mediation by American Bar Association
2007: Child Access Mediation Course through Administrative Office of the Courts