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THE HONORABLE WILFORD TAYLOR, JR. IS RECIPIENT OF 2018 HARRY L. CARRICO OUTSTANDING CAREER SERVICE AWARD

The Judicial Council of Virginia has named the Honorable Wilford Taylor, Jr., retired judge of the 8th Judicial Circuit of Virginia, as the recipient of the 2018 Harry L. Carrico Outstanding Career Service Award. The award was presented to Retired Judge Taylor at the annual meeting of the Judicial Conference of Virginia on May 15, 2019.

Awarded in honor of the longest serving chief justice and the longest serving member in the history of the Supreme Court of Virginia, The Harry L. Carrico Outstanding Career Service Award is presented annually by the Judicial Council of Virginia to a Virginia judge who, over an extended career, has demonstrated exceptional leadership in the administration of the courts while exhibiting the traits of integrity, courtesy, impartiality, wisdom, and humility. All appellate, circuit and district court judges are eligible for nomination.

A native of Hampton, Virginia, Retired Judge Taylor received his bachelor's degree from Hampton University, then the Hampton Institute, a Master of Commerce degree from the University of Richmond, and his law degree from the Marshall-Wythe School of Law, College of William & Mary. Retired Judge Taylor worked in private practice and served as a Deputy City Attorney for Hampton. He was appointed to the Hampton General District Court in 1985, where he served until 1995, when he was elected a judge of the Hampton Circuit Court, 8th Judicial Circuit of Virginia. Retired Judge Taylor served four terms as Chief Judge of the Hampton Circuit Court and retired in 2017. In December of 2017, Retired Judge Taylor began working in mediation.

Retired Judge Taylor has served as a member of the Judicial Ethics Advisory Committee of the Supreme Court of Virginia, the Judicial Council of Virginia, the Supreme Court of Virginia's Judicial Performance Evaluation Taskforce, the Virginia Gender Bias in the Courts Task Force, and as chair of the Virginia Circuit Court Judges Benchbook Committee. Judge Taylor is a Judicial Member of the Virginia State Bar, the Old Dominion Bar Association, the Hampton Bar Association, and the Peninsula Bar Association. He is a Past President of the I'Anson-Hoffman American Inn of Court. Retired Judge Taylor is a retired U.S. Army colonel, 80th Division, Richmond, and a graduate of the Army War College, Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania. He is an Adjunct Professor of Law for the Trial Advocacy course at the Marshall-Wythe School of Law.

About the Judicial Council of Virginia: The Judicial Council of Virginia is charged with the responsibility for making a continuous study of the organization, rules and methods of procedure and practice of the judicial system of the Commonwealth. It is also responsible for examining the work accomplished and results produced by the system and its individual offices and courts. A report of the proceedings and recommendations of the Council is made to the General Assembly and to the Supreme Court on an annual basis. The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court is presiding officer for the Council whose membership includes one Court of Appeals judge, six circuit court judges, one general district court judge, one juvenile and domestic relations district court judge, two attorneys qualified to practice in the Supreme Court, and the Chairmen of the Committees for Courts of Justice in the Virginia Senate and House of Delegates. The Chief Justice and legislative members serve terms coincident with their terms of office, while other Council members are appointed by the Chief Justice and serve for four years or at the pleasure of the Chief Justice.

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