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# IN MEMORIAM

## HONORABLE SOLOMON LISS 1915 — 1988



Long respected as a leading jurist in the State of Maryland, Solomon Liss was involved in both the general community in which he lived and in the legal community. Judge Liss was admitted to the Maryland Bar and the Bar Association of Baltimore City in 1937 upon his graduation from the University of Baltimore School of Law. He was a successful private practitioner, a police magistrate, and he served on the Baltimore City Council as a representative from both the fourth and the fifth districts.

His distinguished career included a term as president and founder of the Baltimore Metropolitan Area Council, the first group to encourage cooperation between the city and the surrounding counties. He served as advisor on metropolitan affairs to Mayor Theodore McKeldin, Chairman of the Public Service Commission, and vice-president of the Maryland State Bar Association.

In 1968, he was installed as Judge on the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City serving until 1976 when he was appointed Associate Judge of the Maryland Court of Special Appeals. During his tenure as judge, he served as a member of the Governor's Commission on Judicial Reform, Chairman of the Maryland Judicial Conference Committee on Free Press/Fair Trial, and a member of the Commission on Judicial Disabilities.

Upon his retirement in 1984 from the Maryland Court of Special Appeals, he chaired the Chesapeake Bay Critical Areas Commission. This was a post he held until his death in 1988.

Judge Liss always managed to find time from his busy professional life to serve his community and alma mater. He held leadership positions in the Loyal Lodge Knights of Pythias, Menorah Lodge of B'nai Brith, and four synagogue brotherhoods, as well as other community organizations. He was honored by the Jewish National Fund and Yeshiva University and was, for many years, a popular and effective teacher at the University of Baltimore School of Law, teaching a wide variety of courses.

The University of Baltimore recognized him as "Alumnus of the Year" in 1984. In 1986 the University conferred on him an honorary Doctor of Laws degree.

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