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The Honorable John F. Gossart, Jr., graduated *cum laude* from the University of Baltimore School of Law in 1974, after serving with distinction in the U.S. Army. As a Vietnam Veteran, Judge Gossart earned numerous awards and medals for his service. From 1974 to 1975 he was in private practice. Between 1975 and 1982 he worked at the Department of Justice, Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS), as an attorney and as Deputy Assistant Commissioner of Naturalization. In 1982, Judge Gossart was appointed as an immigration judge to the United States Immigration Court, in Baltimore, Maryland, where he continues to serve.

Judge Gossart is a member of the Maryland State Bar Association, the District of Columbia Bar Association, and the United States District Court, Washington, D.C. Additionally, Judge Gossart is active in various organizations including: the Knights of Columbus, the National Association of Immigration Judges, the Bowie Interfaith Recreation Council, St. Edward's Catholic Church, and Phi Alpha Delta — International Law Fraternity.

As a graduate of the University of Baltimore School of Law, Judge Gossart continues to contribute to the legal education of our students in his capacity as adjunct professor and as a law mentor. His contributions to the University of Baltimore were officially recognized in 1995 when he was awarded the University of Baltimore Alumni Association, H. Mebane Turner Service Award.

Judge Gossart is married and has two children.



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