

Presentation of the Portrait

of

Portrait Artist

BURLEY BAYARD MITCHELL, JR.

Since the mid-1980's, Dean Paules devoted himself to portraiture. Upon graduating high school, Paules studied electronics and later graduated from Rehrig Technical School in Baltimore. Although Paules' career was successful, including working for two corporations and being vice-president of one industry, he sold his plastics molding firm and turned to portraiture full time.

Primarily self-taught, Paules took numerous seminars with renowned portrait artists and was a member of the American Society of Portrait Artists. In 1991, he won the John Howard Sanden Award for excellence in Portrait Painting at the National Portrait Seminar in Atlanta. Among his many commissions are Nobel Prize Laureate, Dr. George Hitchings, and former North Carolina Governor Dan Moore.

Whether a Paules portrait emphasizes emotion or restraint, it is always a minutely detailed painting, unerringly true to life. He painted palpable textures as lustrous satin, crisply delicate laces, and richly burnished wood. Of his art, Paules said that through the medium of skilled portraiture, the human face, and more importantly, the personality of an individual, can be captured as a lasting treasure. "How marvelous that the last creative act of God, his crowning piece of handiwork, was mankind; immortality set in motion by the Creator." Paules believed it to be a challenge and a thrill to be a portrait artist, and deeply enjoyed the excitement of each new portrait. Working closely with his subject, the finished work represents in the painted face and form the very personification of the subject.



*Chief Justice
Supreme Court of North Carolina
1995-1999
Associate Justice
1982-1995*

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PROGRAM

Supreme Court Courtroom
3:00 p.m., August 10, 2016

Burley Bayard Mitchell, Jr. was born in Oxford, North Carolina to Burley Mitchell, Sr. and Dorothy Ford Champion Mitchell and grew up in Raleigh, where he attended public schools. He served with the U.S. Navy's 7th Fleet in Asia, 1958 - 1963. He graduated from NC State University (BA, 1966) and the University of North Carolina School of Law (JD, 1969), where he was elected President of the class of 1969. His degrees include honorary degrees of Doctor of Humane Letters, NC State University, 1995; Doctor of Humanities, Campbell University, 1998; and Doctor of Humanities, William Peace University, 2012.

Burley Mitchell served as an assistant attorney general under Attorney General Robert Morgan (1969-72). He was appointed District Attorney for the 10th District (Wake County) in 1973 by Governor Robert Scott. In 1977, he was appointed as a judge of the NC Court of Appeals by Governor James B. Hunt, Jr., where he served until Governor Hunt appointed him Secretary of Crime Control and Public Safety in 1979. He was appointed as Associate Justice of the Supreme Court by Governor Hunt and took office on February 3, 1982. Upon the retirement of Chief Justice James G. Exum, Jr., Governor Hunt appointed Mitchell as Chief Justice of North Carolina, and he assumed that office on January 3, 1995. He was reelected in 1996. During his tenure as Chief Justice, he created the Chief Justice's Commission on Professionalism to promote professionalism of lawyers and judges. In 1995, the Supreme Court adopted Rule 2.2 of the Rules of Superior and District Courts, directing the Chief Justice to designate one or more superior court judges to "be known as Special Superior Court Judge for Complex Business Cases" and in January 1996, Chief Justice Mitchell designated the first such business judge. Upon his retirement from the Court in August 1999, he joined the law firm of Womble Carlyle Sandridge and Rice, where he has practiced as a partner ever since.

Chief Justice Mitchell's additional public service includes service as Chair of the National Conference of Chief Justices' Committee on Professionalism, 1996-99; Chair, North Carolina Progress Board 1999-2004; and as a member of the American Bar Association's Presidential Task Force on Corporate Responsibility by appointment of President A.P. Carlton, 2002. He also served as a member of the Board of Governors of UNC, 2009-13; member of the NC State University Board of Trustees, 2005-09; Chair, Governor's Advisory Board on Prisons and Punishment, 1989-90; Chair, Governor's Crime Commission, 1977-79; and member, NC Courts Commission, 1983-93.

His awards include The North Carolina Award, the highest award bestowed by the state, 2007; the Order of the Long Leaf Pine, 1979; The NC Citizens for Business and Industry Public Service Award, 2004; the NC Bar Association Liberty Bell Award, 2011; the NC National Guard Citizenship Award, 1982; the Campbell University Federalist Society Law and Order Award, 1996; The Watauga Award, NC State University's highest award for service to the University, 2014; the NC Public School Forum Jay Robinson Exemplary Leader in Public Service Award, 2012; and the Chief Justice's Professionalism Award, 2016.

Chief Justice Mitchell and his wife of 54 years, Mary Lou Willett Mitchell, had two children, David Bayard Mitchell (deceased) and Dr. Catherine Morris Mitchell Fuentes. Their two grandchildren are Mary Catherine Fuentes and Margaret Bayard Fuentes.

Sounding of the Gavel

J. Bryan Boyd
Clerk

Supreme Court of North Carolina

Invocation

Joyce McFarland

Retired Deputy Clerk

Supreme Court of North Carolina

Welcoming Remarks

Mark D. Martin

Chief Justice

Supreme Court of North Carolina

Remarks

James B. Hunt, Jr.

Former Governor

State of North Carolina

Presentation of the Portrait

Willis P. Whichard

Retired Associate Justice

Supreme Court of North Carolina

Remarks

Burley B. Mitchell, Jr.

Retired Chief Justice

Supreme Court of North Carolina

Unveiling of the Portrait

Mary Catherine Fuentes

Margaret Bayard Fuentes

Acceptance of the Portrait

Mark D. Martin

Chief Justice

Supreme Court of North Carolina

A reception will follow in the History Center, 1st Floor of the Justice Building.