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JUDGE JOHN PAUL STEVENS

Judge John Paul Stevens was appointed United States Circuit Judge for the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals on October 14, 1970, and has been serving as a Circuit Judge since that date.

Judge Stevens was born in Chicago, Illinois, on April 20, 1920. He graduated from the University of Chicago (AB 1941) and the Northwestern University School of Law (JD 1947), where he was Co-Editor of the Law Review. His academic record was outstanding, both at Chicago where he was Phi Beta Kappa and at Northwestern where he was graduated magna cum laude and first in his class. From 1942 to 1945 Judge Stevens served in the United States Navy and was decorated with the Bronze Star Medal.

Following his graduation from law school, Judge Stevens was law clerk to Supreme Court Justice Wiley Rutledge. He then entered private practice, specializing primarily in litigation, antitrust law and commercial law matters, first with the firm of Poppenhusen, Johnston, Thompson and Raymond in Chicago from 1948 until 1951, and again from January 1952 to June 1952, and later as a partner in the firm of Rothschild, Stevens, Barry & Myers in Chicago from 1952 until his appointment to the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals.

In 1951, Judge Stevens served as Associate Counsel to the Subcommittee on the Study of Monopoly Power of the Committee on the Judiciary of the United States House of Representatives. From 1953 to 1955 he was a member of the Attorney General's National Committee to Study the Antitrust Laws.

From 1952 to 1956, Judge Stevens taught part time, first at Northwestern University Law School and then at the University of Chicago Law School, teaching antitrust law and related courses. He was admitted to the Illinois Bar in 1949 and to the United States Supreme Court in 1954. While in private practice, Judge Stevens authored numerous articles on antitrust matters.

Judge Stevens is married to the former Elizabeth Jane Sheeren. They have four children and reside in Chicago, Illinois.

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