

# MARION F. EDWARDS, CHIEF JUDGE (RETIRED)

FIFTH CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEAL, STATE OF LOUISIANA, P.O. BOX 81, GREINA, LA 70054

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## Judicial and Legal Experience

Chief Judge, Fifth Circuit Court of Appeal, State of Louisiana (2010-2012)  
Judge, Fifth Circuit Court of Appeal, State of Louisiana (1998-2010)  
Judge, Twenty-Fourth Judicial District Court, Division "O" (1997-1998)  
First Assistant District Attorney, Twenty-Fourth Judicial District (1974-1996)  
Assistant District Attorney, Twenty-Fourth Judicial District (1970-1996)  
Sole Practitioner (1985-1996)  
Edwards, Cullen & Loeb (1978-1985)  
Edwards, Porteous, Amato & Lee (1973-1978)  
General Practice (1968-1973)  
Law Clerk, Twenty-Fourth Judicial District Court (1966-1968)

## Education

Loyola University School of Law (Juris Doctorate, 1967)  
Tulane University (1963-1964)  
Northeast Louisiana University (1959-1963)  
Ouachita Parish High School (Graduated 1959)

## Memberships/Community Achievements

Boys & Girls Club of Southeast Louisiana Advisory Board  
Salvation Army Advisory Board  
I CAN Drug Court Program  
Grace House of Louisiana  
Former Faculty Member, The National Judicial College  
Democratic State Central Committee (2 Years)  
Delegate to 1974 Mid-Term Convention

## Honors

Crimestoppers Distinguished Service in Criminal Justice Award, March 2010  
Louisiana Association of Drug Court Personnel, Lifetime Leadership Award, 2002  
Office of Addictive Disorders Professional Services Award, March 2000  
Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse Pioneer in Recovery Award, 2001  
Outstanding Judicial Award, Victims and Citizens Against Crime, June 1998

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## **CHIEF JUDGE MARION F. EDWARDS (Retired)**

Chief Judge Marion F. Edwards was born in Monroe, Louisiana and currently resides in Gretna. He attended Northeast Louisiana University and Tulane University. Judge Edwards received his J.D. degree from Loyola University School of Law along with Sheriff Harry Lee. Following law school, he and Sheriff Harry Lee were law partners and later formed the partnership of Edwards, Porteous, Amato and Lee.

In 1970, Judge Edwards accepted a position with the Jefferson Parish District Attorney's Office and served as First Assistant District Attorney for over 22 years, retiring in 1996 to seek election to the bench.

Judge Edwards was elected unopposed to Division "O" of the Twenty-Fourth Judicial District Court in Jefferson Parish where he served from January 1, 1997 until his election in October of 1998 to the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeal, State of Louisiana, where he still serves. On December 7, 2010, due to the untimely passing of former Chief Judge Edward A. Dufresne, Jr., Judge Edwards was unanimously appointed by the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeal judges to assume the chief judge's position at the court. He will serve as the court's chief judge until his retirement on December 31, 2012.

Judge Edwards, while on the Twenty-Fourth Judicial District Court, instituted the Jefferson Parish I CAN Drug Court Program to closely monitor and supervise first offenders involved in criminal activity because of a drug addiction.

Judge Edwards has served or currently serves on the Board of Directors and Advisory Board for organizations such as the Salvation Army, the I CAN Drug Court, Boys & Girls Club of Southeast Louisiana, and Grace House of Louisiana, a residential rehabilitation facility for women who suffer from the disease of addiction.

Judge Edwards was awarded the Pioneer in Recovery Award from the Council on Alcohol and Drug Addition (CADA) in 2001, and, in 2002, the Lifetime Leadership Award from the Louisiana Association of Drug Court Personnel for his work with the I CAN Drug Court. In March 2010, he received the 2009 CrimeStoppers Distinguished Service in Criminal Justice Award for his work with the Jefferson Parish Drug Court.