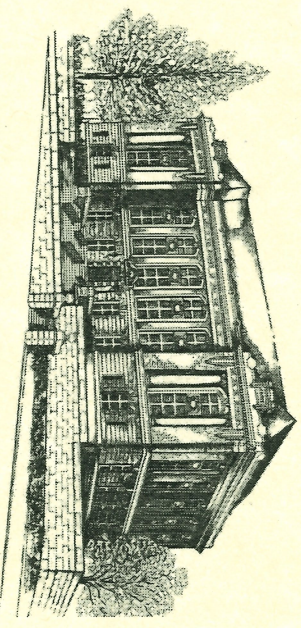


The

Supreme Court of Missouri Historical Society



RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the trustees of the Supreme Court of Missouri Historical Society note the recent retirement of Judge Laura Denvir Stith, who served with distinction as Judge of the Supreme Court for two decades, from 2001 to 2021; and

WHEREAS, Judge Stith is a native of St. Louis, Missouri, having graduated from the Jackson College for Women (now part of Tufts University) *magna cum laude* and then from the Georgetown University Law Center *magna cum laude* in 1978, thereafter serving as a law clerk for Judge Robert E. Seiler of the Supreme Court of Missouri; and

WHEREAS, Judge Stith was in the private practice of law with the Shook Hardy & Bacon firm in Kansas City from 1980 to 1994, then served on the Missouri Court of Appeals for the Western District from 1994 to 2001; and

WHEREAS, Judge Stith was appointed to the Supreme Court of Missouri on March 7, 2001, by Governor Bob Holden, was retained by the people of Missouri twice thereafter, and was only the second woman to serve on that Court and as chief justice of Missouri; and

WHEREAS, Judge Stith earned a reputation as a diligent judge, incisive questioner during oral argument, and a clear and cogent writer; and

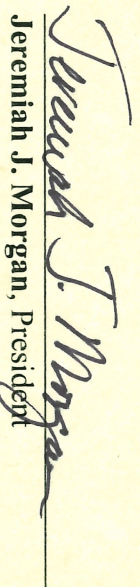
WHEREAS, Judge Stith was chair of the Gender & Justice Joint Committee of The Missouri Bar and the Supreme Court of Missouri; the founding director of Lawyers Encouraging Academic Performance (LEAP); and the recipient of many honors, including the Joseph Stevens Aspire to Excellence Award from the Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association, the Distinguished Non-Alumnus Award from the University of Missouri-Columbia School of Law, and Woman of the Year from Missouri Lawyers Media; and

WHEREAS, Judge Stith is married to fellow attorney Donald G. Scott, and they have three daughters, Dr. Lisa Scott, Becca Scott and Cynthia Scott.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we, the trustees of the Supreme Court of Missouri Historical Society, join in extending our sincere appreciation to Judge Stith for her outstanding service to the citizens of Missouri and to the administration of justice, congratulate her on her retirement, and further wish her continued success in all future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution shall be provided to the public, Judge Stith, and members of her family.

I, **Jeremiah J. Morgan**, President of the Supreme Court of Missouri Historical Society, certify that the above is a true and correct copy of a Resolution of the Missouri Supreme Court Historical Society unanimously adopted this 4th day of July, 2021.


Jeremiah J. Morgan, President

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