

**CHIEF JUDGE MAXINE ALDRIDGE WHITE** –has been a Circuit Court Judge in Branch 01 of the Milwaukee County Circuit Court since 1992. She currently is the Chief Judge for Wisconsin’s largest judicial district – the First Judicial District - comprised of the 47 circuit courts and 19 municipalities in Milwaukee County. Previously for a period of 7 years she served as Deputy Chief Judge for the First Judicial District while also serving as the Presiding Judge for the Family Division - for a second term. During her time on the bench Judge White has also held other judicial assignments. Soon after joining the bench, Judge White was assigned to preside over some of the court’s most serious felony criminal cases including, homicides and sexual assaults, drug sales and domestic violence cases. For a period of 8 years she presided over some of our most complex civil litigation cases and matters, including cases with procedural and substantive legal questions of first impression.

She received a B.A. *Magna Cum Laude*, Alcorn State University; her Masters in Public Administration with honors from the, University of Southern California and her Juris Doctorate from Marquette University Law School where she received numerous awards including: member, *Marquette Law Review*, recipient, *American Jurisprudence. Book Award - Constitutional Law* and other service and merit scholarships and awards.

Prior to joining the bench, she served as Assistant United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Wisconsin and represented the federal government in criminal, civil, and bankruptcy matters before the federal district and bankruptcy courts and before the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals. During her tenure as a federal prosecutor, she was appointed by the Executive Office of the United States Attorneys to serve as a Legal Advisor and Instructor for the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center in Brunswick, Georgia. There she provided legal advice and taught civil and criminal trial practice techniques to approximately 400 federal trial attorneys, federal agents and state and local law enforcement agencies and officials across the nation.

Judge White has been celebrated for her lengthy and extraordinary record of service on extra-judicial matters and in the community. She was recently named one of the 10 most influential leaders in Milwaukee in the November 2, 2015 issues of *M Magazine*. She was named Judge of the Year by the State Bar of Wisconsin and was awarded Marquette University’s All Alumni Award for Service to the Community..

Some of her current and prior service include: Chair, Executive Committee, Milwaukee Community Justice Council: Member, CORE Group – Milwaukee Visitation Center: Judicial representative, Wisconsin Judicial Council: Vice Chair, Wisconsin Supreme Court’s Legislative Committee: Member, Wisconsin Legislature’s Committee on Racial Disparities in Sentencing: Chair, Wisconsin Task Force on Racial Profiling in Traffic Stops: Co-Chair, Wisconsin Legislature’s Committee on Judicial Selection: Co-Chair, Wisconsin Supreme Court Gender Equity Committee: District Director, National Association of Women Judges; Board Member, Milwaukee Bar Association: Board Member, Wisconsin Association of African American Lawyers: Member, Association for Women Lawyers: Board Member, Milbank Memorial Fund and President of the Advisory Board, House of Peace, Incorporated.

Judge White is the 8<sup>th</sup> of 11 children born to and raised by grade schooled educated Mississippi sharecroppers during the Jim Crow era. She credits her parents and siblings with providing her with a solid foundation of love and family and for nurturing her passion for justice and service.