

Class of 1965
The Judicial Wall of Fame

In 2010, at our 45-Year Reunion, the Class of 1965 raised over \$7,000 to support the new Law and Public Policy Courtroom. It has been our goal to support Shortridge's new magnet law and public policy students by providing them with inspiring information about the judicial expertise and leadership of Shortridge Alumni who were/are elected or appointed judges. Our request was to have the courtroom named in honor of our classmate, Justice William E. McAnulty Jr., who was a Supreme Court Justice in Kentucky at the time he passed away in 2007. The funds we raised were to provide furnishings for the classroom and create the courtroom wall as the Judicial Wall of Fame with a photo plaque of McAnulty and two other judges from our class, Judge Anthony J. Metz Jr. and Judge Cynthia Torain Ayers.

In 2012, a group of us met with the new Shortridge administration and learned that the funds we had raised were all used for the courtroom furnishings, but the Judicial Wall of Fame with judge plaques had not yet been developed, and the IPS Board of School Commissioners still had to decide whether the courtroom could be named to honor William E. McAnulty Jr. Thanks to the support of the new Shortridge administration, who requested the courtroom be named to honor McAnulty, we provided a biography of McAnulty and background summary of our request for the Board of School Commissioners. On November 27, 2012, the Board voted unanimously to support the Shortridge request. The courtroom is now being named *The Justice William E. McAnulty Jr. Law and Public Policy Center*.

To provide additional inspiring role model information to the new Shortridge students about former Shortridge graduates who have provided judicial leadership and expertise, we have raised additional funds to establish the initial section of the Judicial Wall of Fame, which includes plaques for the six judges who are included with this article. They include the three members of our class, Judges McAnulty, Metz and Ayers, and members of other classes who have been colleagues of our class's judges and include Judge Grant W. Hawkins, Class of '67, and Judges Reuben B. Hill and Theodore R. Boehm from the Class of '56.

Also included with this article is a picture of the courtroom wall that will soon become the Judicial Wall of Fame. The Shortridge Administration has recommended that the wall be wood-paneled to enhance the plaques that will be made of the judge pictures that are included in this article, but \$2,500 now needs to be raised to panel the wall. The pictures that we have included are images that have been created from pictures and template info that we provided to an artist who has agreed to develop the images and prepare them for the vendor who will then create, laminate and frame 20" x 24" plaques. Since it was only January when we were able to provide the plaque funding donations to Shortridge, we anticipate that these six initial plaques will not be completed until late February.

It is our class's goal to expand this project by encouraging other classes to research their classmates in search of elected or appointed judges in Indiana or other states. Once identified, we will need other classes to locate and forward photos of their judges, along with their judicial history, such as the information described in the judges included in this article, and forward at least \$350 to cover the cost of the plaque image development, vendor framing, and a contribution toward the wood paneling, then we could begin to expand this project by providing multiple role models for the current and future students and inspire them greatly by letting them know that many Shortridge graduates became judges even before it was the Magnet High School for Law and Public Policy.

Jim Covert, Class of 1965, will receive donation checks and submit them to Shortridge Magnet High School. Your check should be made out to Shortridge Magnet High School with a memo line of Judicial Wall of Fame. Please mail your donation along with mailing address and email address to:

Jim Covert, 611 3rd Avenue SW, Carmel, IN 46032

All donation and donor information will be kept strictly confidential. Shortridge Magnet High School will deposit your checks and mail a donation confirmation letter to you to substantiate your tax-deductible donation. We will communicate our progress toward meeting our financial goals for additional judges plaques and the courtroom paneling.

If members of other classes are willing to get together to donate more than the \$350 minimum needed for each additional judge, that will help get the paneling paid for more quickly! It is important, however, to know that if one person donates more than \$250, that money cannot be used until after the IPS Board of Commissioners has it on the next Board meeting's agenda, because the Board has to review and determine if and how individual donations over \$250 can be used.

I have coordinated putting together the pictures and highlighting the judicial history from their suggestions, biographies, articles, or other information for these first six judges and then I will work with the Shortridge administration to review and approve the information, and the artist who took what I provided and developed the plaque images for the vendor. I am willing to continue coordinating this work with other classes; therefore, once a judge's picture and judicial info is found, just forward it to me at hbyland@charter.net, and I will put together the draft. If the judge is still available, I will want to work directly with him or her to make sure what we are preparing is acceptable to the judge and once agreed to, I also need to forward it to the Shortridge administration to review before we begin the plaque preparation. In order to add more judge plaques to the wall, we will need other classes to promote the project by raising the needed funds!

We look forward to supporting other classes to expand the Judicial Wall of Fame, so that we can provide more role models and inspire the students with the history of Shortridge graduate judges!!

Let me know if you have any questions. All best wishes as you start researching. I am sure there must be many more judges to be found!

Hattie Byland, Shortridge Class of '65
Now in Riverside, California ☐☐