

## **STANWOOD R. DUVAL, JR.**

Stanwood R. Duval, Jr. was sworn in as United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Louisiana in New Orleans on October 31, 1994. At the request of his colleagues, Judge Duval undertook the management of all of the litigation arising out of the failure of the levee system in the New Orleans area after Hurricane Katrina, known as *In re Katrina Canal Breaches Consolidated Litigation*, C.A. No. 05-4182. This consolidated case had over 1,200 cases comprised of hundreds of thousands of claims and was managed in the manner of an MDL. Judge Duval systematically adjudicated rapidly and economically all of the legal issues necessary for determining liability and responsibility for the breaches of the levees and floodwalls surrounding Orleans, St. Bernard and Plaquemine Parishes. He also presided over the MDL *In re: MasterCard International, Inc., Internet Gambling Litigation*, 132 F.Supp.2d 468 (E.D. La. 2002) which concerned RICO claims brought by internet gamblers against VISA and MasterCard.

From 1997 to 2003 he served as a member of the Advisory Committee on Appellate Rules to the Judicial Conference of the United States Courts, was a member of the Council of the Louisiana Law Institute from 1996 to 2000, and the Fifth Circuit Judicial Council from 2004 to 2007. He most recently drafted the Admiralty chapter of the Fifth Circuit Pattern Civil Jury Instructions (2014). Judge Duval has also served as a Past President and is a current member of the Tulane Inns of Court.

Judge Duval retired from the bench on January 31, 2017. He now serves as an arbitrator and is affiliated with AAA and FedArb. He also has founded Duval Shushan Legal Resources providing mediation and legal consulting services.

Judge Duval currently serves on the Board for KIPP New Orleans Schools and the board of the Innocence Project New Orleans. He served on the Board of Directors of Covenant House of New Orleans, a non-profit corporation which provides aid to homeless adolescents, from 2001 to 2016, and served as its Chairman of Board of Directors, from 2014 to 2016. He was awarded the Distinguished Achievement Award 2013 by the LSU Law Center, The James J. Buquet, Jr. Award of Distinction 2014 by the Terrebonne Foundation for Academic Excellence and the Good Apple Award for Social Justice 2017 by Louisiana Appleseed.