

GENE E. FRANCHINI

Bio

Chief Justice (Ret) Gene E. Franchini was born and raised in Albuquerque. He received a BBA degree from the University of New Mexico, Anderson School of Business, a JD degree from Georgetown University in Washington DC and an LLM degree from the University of Virginia.

In the 47 years he has been a member of the bar, 25 years were spent as a trial lawyer, 6 years as a District Judge and 12 years as a justice of the New Mexico Supreme Court. He was presiding judge of the Second Judicial District 1978-1979 and Chief Justice 1997-1998. While serving as Chief Justice of the New Mexico Supreme Court he was elected by the National Conference of Chief Justices as Second Vice-President of their Board of Directors. During his career he has served as chairman of the Personnel Board, Labor Relations Board and Interim Board of Ethics of the City of Albuquerque. He lectures annually at the University of New Mexico School of Law and has been active in the New Mexico and Albuquerque Bar Associations. He was the first president of the New Mexico Trial Lawyers Association.

He has received a number of awards over the years including the Albuquerque Bar Outstanding Judge Award in 1997 and the New Mexico Bar Pioneer award in 1998. In 2003 he received the Seth Montgomery Distinguished Judicial Service Award from the State Bar of New Mexico. In 2004 he received the Golden Gavel Award from the National High School Mock Trial Championship, Inc. He was presently Chairman of the Client Protection Task Force of the New Mexico Bar Association.

He retired from the Supreme Court on December 31, 2002. He and his wife, Glynnie, have been married for 37 years and have 4 adult children, 8 grandchildren and 2 great grand child. Their daughter Nancy is a trial lawyer practicing with Gallagher, Casados and Mann.

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BORN: Albuquerque, New Mexico - May 19, 1935

EDUCATION: St. Mary's Grade and High School
Loyola University of the South, New Orleans, Louisiana, 1953-55
University of New Mexico - Anderson School of Business BBA.,
Albuquerque, New Mexico 1955 - 57
Georgetown University - JD Washington, DC., June 1960
University of Virginia - Judicial Process, LLM, Charlottesville, VA
1995

HISTORY : Admitted to practice in all state and federal courts in New
New Mexico, 1960
Admitted to practice in United States Supreme Court, 1973
Trial Lawyer - civil and criminal cases for 24 of 47 years in
practice
Past Staff Judge Advocate, New Mexico Air National Guard
Past President, New Mexico Trial Lawyers' Association
Past Member, Board of Directors, Albuquerque Bar Association.
Past Chairman, Personnel Board, City of Albuquerque
Past Chairman, Labor Relations Board, City of Albuquerque
Past Chairman, Interim Board of Ethics, City of Albuquerque
Past Co-Chairman, New Mexico Medical-Legal Board

Past Chairman, Board of Trustees, Heights General Hospital.

Past member and Legal Counsel for Board of Directors

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Currently a member of the following: New Mexico Bar

Association since 1960; Albuquerque Bar Association

since 1960; New Mexico Trial Lawyers' Association

since 1962; American Board of Trial Advocates since

1973; and New Mexico American Inn of Court

LXXXI since 1991.

District Judge, Second Judicial District, 1975-81

Presiding Judge, Second Judicial District, 1978-80

Stepped down from bench, September 1981

Resumed private practice 1982

Justice of New Mexico State Supreme Court, elected

November 6, 1990

Chief Justice of the New Mexico State Supreme Court,

January 8, 1997 to January 8, 1999

As an appellate justice, has authored over 160 and participated

in over 425 published opinions

Second Vice-President Board of Directors, Conference of

Chief Justices.

Liaison Justice, New Mexico Board of Bar Examiners

Co-Chairman of New Mexico Commission of Professionalism

Retired from New Mexico Supreme Court December 31, 2002

Chairman, Client Protection Fund Task Force

Involved in High School Mock Trial in New Mexico for over twenty years. Served as a scoring or presiding judge in the National Finals and National Championship Round for the last 12 years.

Received the State of New Mexico Character Counts Award

Gave Commencement Address to the University of New Mexico School of Law graduates of 2003

Received the Seth Montgomery Distinguished Judicial Service Award in 2003 from the State Bar of New Mexico

Received the Amicus Honors Dinner Award for Dedication to the Advancement of the Law, New Mexico Trial Lawyers Association, 2003

Received the National Golden Gavel Award from The National High School Mock Trial, Inc. 2004