

JUDGE TYSON EARNS MASTER OF LAW DEGREE IN JUDICIAL PROCESS

North Carolina Court of Appeals Judge John M. Tyson was awarded a Master of Law in the Judicial Process (LL.M.) during graduation ceremonies at the University of Virginia School of Law on May 16, 2004. Judge Tyson earned his degree over a two year period, including residence for class during the past two summers while Court was in recess, and completing an extensive thesis. The thesis reviewed North Carolina native and President James K. Polk's nominations to the United States Supreme Court. Judge Tyson becomes one of the four current Judges in North Carolina to earn the Masters of Law Degree from the University of Virginia.

Selected from more than 100 judicial applicants, Judge Tyson graduated with twentyeight fellow federal and state judges from seventeen states. "This program provides in-depth training to enable me to better serve North Carolina citizens as an appellate judge. I am honored have been selected, and to have made life long friendships with fellow judges from across the United States," stated Judge Tyson.

Judge Tyson adds this degree to list of accomplishments and his continuing quest for higher education. He graduated with his Bachelor of Arts in English and Secondary Education from the University of North Carolina at Wilmington in 1974, his Juris Doctor with honors from Norman Adrian Wiggins School of Law at Campbell University in 1979 as a member of the Charter Class, and his Masters in Business Administration from Duke University in 1988.

Judge Tyson filed as a candidate for the North Carolina Supreme Court in the State's first non-partisan appellate election to be held on November 2, 2004. He is the only judge in North Carolina who is a Board Certified Specialist in Real Property Law by the North Carolina State Bar.

The University of Virginia School of Law is ranked among America's top ten law schools according to the U.S. News and World Report's annual law school ranking survey.