



## **BIOGRAPHY and COURT PRACTICE SENIOR JUDGE MAURICE B. COHILL, JR.**

The Honorable MAURICE B. COHILL, JR. was born in Ben Avon Borough, near Pittsburgh on November 26, 1929. A widower, he is the father of four children and has six grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

Following graduation from Princeton University, he served for two years in the Marine Corps with the Second Marine Air Wing and was discharged as a captain. He graduated from the University of Pittsburgh Law School where he was on the Pitt Law Review and then engaged in the general practice of law until he was appointed Judge of the Juvenile Court of Allegheny County by Governor William Scranton on July 20, 1965. He was elected to a full ten-year term on November 1, 1965. Because of the 1968 Pennsylvania Constitutional Amendments, he became a judge in the Family Division of the Court of

Common Pleas of Allegheny County on January 1, 1969. On November 4, 1975, he was retained by the electorate for another ten-year term.

On June 1, 1976, he resigned from the Court of Common Pleas and was appointed by President Gerald Ford to the United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania. He became Chief Judge of that Court on July 2, 1985 and served in that capacity for seven years. On December 1, 1994, he took senior status but remains active with the court.

He is the Chairman of the Board of Fellows of the National Center for Juvenile Justice, which he established in Pittsburgh in 1973. He is a former Vice President of the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges and continues to serve on many of its committees. He is Past President of the Pennsylvania Council of Juvenile Court Judges, the Board of Directors of Pennsylvania George Jr. Republic in Grove City, Pennsylvania, and the Allegheny County Bar Association.