

Distinguished Achievement Citation

Alice Moore Batchelder

Class of 1964

With this presentation of Ohio Wesleyan's Distinguished Achievement Citation, the Ohio Wesleyan University Alumni Association Board of Directors is honored and privileged to recognize Alice Moore Batchelder as a pioneer for women in law and an outstanding jurist. Alice is currently Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, which covers Michigan, Kentucky, Ohio, and Tennessee.

At Ohio Wesleyan, Alice was a member of Pi Beta Phi and active with the Chaplain's Office mission involvement. After her graduation, she taught English for several years before receiving her law degree from the University of Akron School of Law in 1971. One of only six women in her class, she distinguished herself by becoming editor-in-chief of the law review, which, at that time, was an unusual post for a woman to hold.

From 1971 to 1983, Alice was an attorney in private practice with Williams and Batchelder in Medina, Ohio. Her first judicial experience was as a judge on the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Ohio in 1983. In 1985, President Ronald Reagan appointed her to the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Ohio. In 1988, while serving the District Court, she earned a Master of Laws from the University of Virginia Law School in 1988. In 1992, she was appointed to the Sixth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals by President George H.W. Bush. She began her term as chief judge in 2009. She will step down from that position in August 2014.

Alice is a member of the Board of Trustees at Grove City College in Pennsylvania, from which she received an honorary Doctor of Laws in 2009. She also holds an Honorary Doctor of Laws from Lake Erie College and the University of Akron. In 2011, the Heritage Foundation honored her with the Defender of the Constitution award.

Alice and her husband, Bill, met at Ohio Wesleyan, and she had the unique pleasure of swearing him in as the 101st Speaker of the Ohio House of Representatives in 2011.

Today, in honor of her exceptional judicial career, Ohio Wesleyan joins her husband and their reunioning classmates to honor and applaud Alice Batchelder with the presentation of this Distinguished Achievement Citation.

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