Judge Edith Hollan Jones
U.S. Court of Appeals for the 5th Circuit

Judge Jones has been a federal judge since 1985, when she was appointed to the bench by President Ronald Reagan. She assumed the chief judgeship of the 5th Circuit, U.S. Court of Appeals in January, 2006 and served until 2012. She also served as a White House Fellows Commissioner from 2002 to 2008 by appointment from President George W. Bush and as a member of the National Bankruptcy Review Commission from 1994 to 1997 by appointment from U.S. Supreme Court Chief Justice William Rehnquist.

Jones grew up in San Antonio, Texas, where she graduated from high school as a National Merit Scholar. She earned her bachelor's degree in economics from Cornell University, graduating with honors and her law degree from the University of Texas, where she was editor of the Texas Law Review and was inducted into the Order of the Coif. In 2004, she was also honored with the law school's Outstanding Alumnus Award. Additionally she has been a member of the Garland R. Walker American Inn of Court in Houston since 1998, and currently serves as its president.
The Edith House
Lecture Series in Law

“Why the Constitution Matters and
Why Women Should Care”

Presented by
Judge Edith Hollan Jones
U.S. Court of Appeals for the 5th Circuit

Wednesday, March 20, 2013
3:30 p.m
Hatton Lovejoy Courtroom

Welcome........................................Michele Torsiglieri
WLSA Vice President

Introduction..........................Associate Professor Elizabeth Leonard
Former Clerk for Judge Jacques L.
Wiener Jr., U.S. Court of Appeals for
the 5th Circuit

Lecture........................................Judge Edith Hollan Jones

Questions & Answers..................Judge Edith Hollan Jones

Concluding Remarks.....................Emily Cook
WLSA President

Reception to follow in the Rotunda, Hirsch Hall.
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A Word of Thanks

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Mary E. Becker, Professor of Law, University of Chicago, “The First Amendment and Sexual Harassment of School and Work.” November 2, 1995


Carrie Menkel-Meadow, Professor of Law, University of California, Los Angeles, “Mainstreaming Feminist Legal Theory and the Production of Legal Knowledge.” March 12, 1993.


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EDITH HOUSE

Edith House, a native of Winder, Georgia, was co-valedictorian of the Class of 1925, and one of the first two women to graduate from the University of Georgia School of Law. Following graduation, she practiced for four years in Clearwater, Florida. She was then appointed Assistant United States Attorney for the Southern District of Florida, a position she held for the next thirty years. When the Southern District was subdivided to create the new Middle District, Ms. House was appointed to the post of United States Attorney for the new Southern District. Ms. House retired in 1963. She lived in Jacksonville, Florida, until her death on December 14, 1987. It is in memory of her hard work and pioneering spirit that this lecture series is dedicated.