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**Official Dedication of the Portraits
of**

Judge Robert P. Doherty, Jr.

and

Judge Jonathan M. Apgar

Roanoke County Courthouse

Circuit Courtroom 3

**March 2, 2017
4 P.M.**

About the Portraits of the Judges of Roanoke County

Courtroom 4 of the Roanoke County Courthouse has twenty-three portraits of the men and women who have served as circuit court judges or the equivalent. John James Allen was serving as the judge of the 17th Judicial Circuit of Virginia when Roanoke County was created in 1838 out of the southern portion Botetourt County. Thus, Judge Allen was the first circuit judge for the newly formed county.

When the portraits were hung in Courtroom 4 in 1985, the 23rd Circuit of Virginia, comprised of Roanoke County and the independent cities of Salem and Roanoke, had five active circuit judges whose portraits were included along with the former judges of the circuit. The portraits of Judges Clifford Weckstein, Diane Strickland, and Richard Pattisall were added to the collection between 1987 and 1994.

The addition of the portraits of Judges Doherty and Apgar, which are being hung in Courtroom 3, brings the collection up-to-date for the judges who have retired from service to the citizens of the Roanoke Valley. The expectation is that additional portraits will be hung of the current and future judges of the circuit upon their retirement.

The portraits of Judges Doherty and Apgar were prepared from photographic portraits taken by Robert Dementi of Salem and were transferred to canvas by Miller's Professional Imaging of Pittsburg, Kansas. Artist Michelle Cheatham of Richmond completed the portraits by adding highlights and shading.



Judge Robert P. Doherty, Jr.

**Judge, 23rd Judicial Circuit of Virginia
March, 1995 to February, 2013**



Judge Jonathan M. Apgar

**Judge, 23rd Judicial Circuit of Virginia
April, 1997 to April, 2013**