

ALOYISUS LEON HIGGINBOTHAM, JR.

Aloysius Leon Higginbotham, Jr. is one of the nation's leading jurists and Judge for the Third Circuit, United States Court of Appeals. Born in New Jersey, he received his undergraduate degree from Antioch College and his law degree from Yale.

Mr. Higginbotham's exceptional talent brought him early recognition and swift advancement. While in successful private practice, he also served as Special Deputy Attorney General for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, as Special Hearing Officer for Conscientious Objectors for the U.S. Department of Justice, as Commissioner of the Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission, and as a Commissioner of the Federal Trade Commission. In 1964 the U.S. Chamber of Commerce named him one of the Ten Most Outstanding Young Men in America, and in the same year he was appointed United States District Judge, a remarkable appointment for one so young. In 1977 he rose to his present post. While forging a record for excellence as Judge, he has lectured at several leading law schools, has contributed numerous articles to professional journals, and has written an award-winning book, In the Matter of Color: Race and the American Legal Process; the Colonial Period.

Numerous honors have come to Judge Higginbotham, including the National Human Relations Award of the National Conference of Christians and Jews, the Citation of Merit Award of the Law School at Yale, the Martin Luther King Award, and membership in the American Academy of Political and Social Science. This University now joins in the applause for this illustrious public servant and legal scholar.