

WILLIAM HAYWOOD BOBBITT, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of North Carolina, native of this State, and alumnus of this University, won his A.B. degree in 1921, achieving, in the course of a brilliant scholastic career, two medals in oratory, the Phi Beta Kappa key, and the Golden Fleece. After two years' study in the University of North Carolina Law School he was admitted to the bar in 1922 and began at once the practice of law in his home city of Charlotte, soon becoming identified with her religious, educational and civic life. In 1938 he was elected resident Superior Court Judge of the Fourteenth Judicial District, a position he held continuously until his appointment in 1954 to his present post, to which he was elected in 1955 for an eight-year term.

Chosen Permanent President of the Class of 1921, Judge Bobbitt has through more than three decades continued to serve his Alma Mater. As President of the General Alumni Association in 1954-1955, he was a leading spirit in developing the Alumni Annual Giving Program which has so fruitfully aided the University in these strenuous times with funds for research and scholarly activities. Widely known for his understanding of the basic law and his deep devotion to his State and community, Judge Bobbitt has won acclaim for his unselfish service on boards and commissions in religious and educational affairs as well as legal.

But ever closest to his heart is his Alma Mater, and his voice has, through the years, been frequently raised in her behalf. Now, in recognition of his long and unswerving support, the University is proud to place his name on the roll of distinguished men who have merited her honorary degree of Doctor of Laws.