



United States District Court
for the District of Columbia
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**Statement of Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell
on the Death of Retired District Judge James Robertson**

Judge James Robertson was a cherished colleague on this Court, where he served with distinction for over 15 years, from 1994 until 2010. As a jurist, he was known for his integrity, decisiveness, fairness and compassion and, as a colleague, he was beloved for his wonderful sense of humor, warmth and generosity. Judge Robertson joined this Court following a long and distinguished legal career that included private practice at Wilmer, Cutler & Pickering and leading positions at the Lawyer's Committee for Civil Rights Under the Law. He also served as president of the D.C. Bar., during which time he worked to increase diversity in the legal profession and in law firms. Following his retirement from the bench, Judge Robertson continued to serve through his work as a mediator and arbitrator with JAMS.

On behalf of the Judges of the United States District Court for the District of Columbia, I extend our deepest condolences to Judge Robertson's family. The Court will recognize and celebrate the life and many accomplishments of Judge Robertson at a ceremony to be held at a date scheduled at the convenience of his family.