

ROY L. STEPHENSON

U.S. DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF IOWA

1960 - 1971

U.S. COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE EIGHTH CIRCUIT

1971 - 1982



Data

- Born March 14, 1917, in Spirit Lake, IA
- Died November 5, 1982

Federal Judicial Service

- Judge, U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Iowa
Nominated by Dwight D. Eisenhower on May 16, 1960, to a seat vacated by Edwin R. Hicklin. Confirmed by the Senate on May 26, 1960, and received commission on May 31, 1960. Served as chief judge, 1961-1971. Service terminated on July 6, 1971, due to appointment to another judicial position.
- Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit
Nominated by Richard M. Nixon on June 1, 1971, to a seat vacated by Martin Donald Van Oosterhout. Confirmed by the Senate on June 18, 1971, and received commission on June 22, 1971. Assumed senior status on April 1, 1982. Service terminated on November 5, 1982, due to death.

Education

- University of Iowa, B.A., 1938
- University of Iowa College of Law, J.D., 1940

Professional Career

- U.S. Army Reserve second lieutenant, 1938-1941
- Private practice, Mapleton, Iowa, 1940-1941
- U.S. Army captain, 1941-1946
- Private practice, Des Moines, Iowa, 1946-1953
- U.S. attorney for the Southern District of Iowa, 1953-1960

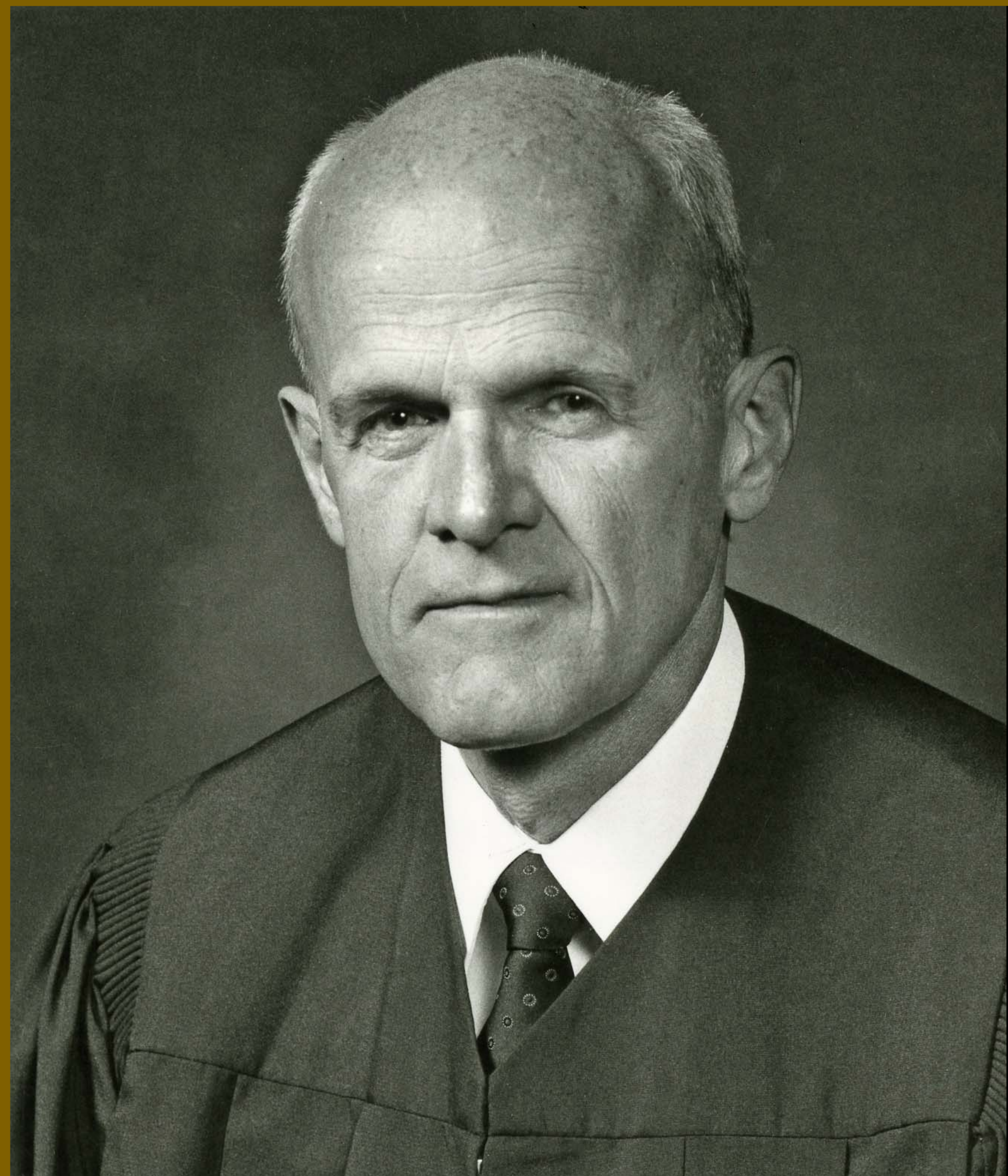
Legacy

Roy L. Stephenson of Des Moines, Iowa, was decorated for his heroic actions overseas in the U.S. Army during World War II. He then served in the Iowa National Guard until 1963, retiring a colonel with the honorary rank of brigadier general. After the war, he practiced law and was appointed U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of Iowa in 1953. President Eisenhower appointed him as U.S. District Judge for the Southern District of Iowa, where he was chief judge from 1961 until his appointment in 1971 by President Nixon to the U.S. Court of Appeals. He was the first Iowan on the appeals court elevated from the federal district court.

GEORGE G. FAGG

U.S. COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE EIGHTH CIRCUIT

1982 - 2015



Data

- Born April 30, 1934, in Eldora, IA
- Died July 14, 2015, in Johnston, IA

Federal Judicial Service

- Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit
Nominated by Ronald Reagan on September 22, 1982, to a seat vacated by Roy Laverne Stephenson. Confirmed by the Senate on October 1, 1982, and received commission on October 1, 1982. Assumed senior status on May 1, 1999. Service terminated on July 14, 2015, due to death.

Education

- Drake University, B.A., 1956
- Drake University Law School, J.D., 1958

Professional Career

- Private practice, Marshalltown, Iowa, 1958-1972
- Judge, Iowa District Court, Second Judicial District, 1972-1982

Legacy

George G. Fagg of Des Moines, Iowa, graduated first in his class for both his bachelor's and law degrees, served as editor of *Drake Law Review* from 1957 to 1958, and was admitted to the Order of the Coif. He was a trial attorney in Marshalltown, Iowa, before his appointment to Iowa's Second Judicial District and his subsequent appointment by President Reagan to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit in 1982. Fagg was known for his devotion to his duties as a judge, arriving consistently to his chambers at 4 a.m., and his prolific production of succinct opinions, often producing the most on the court.