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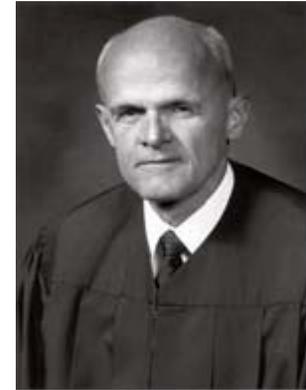
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**THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS  
FOR THE EIGHTH CIRCUIT**

**Memorial Session in Honor of**

**George G. Fagg**

**Member of this Court**

**October 1, 1982 - July 21, 2006**

**March 4, 2016**

**1:30 p.m.**

**Courtroom 265**

**United States Courthouse**

**123 East Walnut Street**

**Des Moines, Iowa**

## **BIOGRAPHY**

Judge George G. Fagg was born in Eldora, Iowa, in 1934. A graduate of Drake University and Drake Law School, where he was first in his class, he practiced law from 1958 to 1972 with the firm that came to be known as Cartwright, Druker, Ryden and Fagg in Marshalltown, Iowa. He then served as an Iowa district court judge for ten years, during which time he chaired the Iowa Committee on Uniform Jury Instructions, served as a member of the Advisory Committee on Rules of Civil Procedure of the Iowa Supreme Court, and was a faculty member of the National Judicial College.

In 1982, President Ronald Reagan appointed Judge Fagg to be a United States Circuit Judge for the Eighth Circuit. He assumed senior status in 1999 and retired from judicial service in 2006.

Judge Fagg married Jane E. Wood of Eldora on August 19, 1956. Jane passed away in 2006. Judge and Mrs. Fagg are survived by six children: Martha, an attorney; Tom, a physician; Ned, a certified public accountant; Susan, a speech therapist; George, an electrical engineer; and Sarah, also an attorney.

Judge Fagg's legacy of hard work, intellectual honesty, clear thinking, plain talk, and warm friendship survive him to the benefit of all of us who knew him personally as well as the thousands of other citizens who now or in the future will benefit from his prodigious and superior work product. Indeed, a writing in "Mr. Justice Frankfurter: 'A Heritage for all Who Love the Law'" provides a fitting epilogue to the life and service of Judge Fagg. It says: "For the highest exercise of judicial duty is to subordinate one's personal pulls and one's private views to the law of which we are all guardians—those impersonal convictions that make a society a civilized community, and not the victims of personal rule." This wonderful society that we are all privileged to know and love, the United States of America, is, without cavil, a more civilized community because of the life and work of our dear friend George Gardner Fagg.

## **PROGRAM**

### **Convening of the Court**

Michael E. Gans, Clerk of Court

### **Welcome and Opening Remarks**

Chief Judge William Jay Riley, Presiding

### **Master of Ceremonies**

Circuit Judge Steven M. Colloton

### **Speakers**

The Honorable Russell J. Hill

United States Bankruptcy Judge, Retired

Allen E. Brennecke, Esq.

Retired Attorney, Marshalltown, Iowa

Past President, Iowa State Bar Association

Randall D. Armentrout, Esq.

Law Clerk to Judge Fagg, 1992-1994

The Honorable Chuck Grassley

United States Senator, 1981 to present

Chairman, Senate Committee on the Judiciary, 2015 to present

The Honorable David R. Hansen

United States Circuit Judge

Response for the Court

### **Reception Following**

**On the First Floor**

**Courtroom 160**