

## **Biography**

Michael J. Melloy was born in Dubuque, Iowa. He was the son of William J. Melloy, Jr., and Patricia Melloy. He graduated from Wahlert High School in Dubuque. He then attended Loras College, where he graduated in 1970, magna cum laude. Judge Melloy then spent two years in the United States Army. Upon completion of his military service, he enrolled at the University of Iowa College of Law in its first accelerated program. He graduated from the University of Iowa College of Law with high distinction in 1974.

Upon graduation, Judge Melloy returned to Dubuque and joined the law firm which is now known as O'Connor & Thomas, P.C. He became a partner and then shareholder of the firm. He practiced general civil and commercial litigation. Judge Melloy was active in civic, political, and religious activities in Dubuque.

In January 1986, the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals appointed Judge Melloy as United States Bankruptcy Judge for the Northern District of Iowa. He served in that position until he was appointed to the United States District Court for the Northern District of Iowa in August 1992, by President George H.W. Bush. Judge Melloy became Chief Judge of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Iowa on January 1, 1993, and completed a seven year term as Chief Judge on December 31, 1999.

In February 2002, Judge Melloy was appointed as a judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit by President George W. Bush. Judge Melloy served as an active judge of the Eighth Circuit until February 1, 2013, when he assumed senior status. Judge Melloy continues to hear cases and serve on the Eighth Circuit as a senior judge. During his tenure as a senior judge he also has served with the Third, Ninth, and Eleventh Circuit Courts of Appeals.

While a federal judge, Judge Melloy has served on various organizations and committees, including:

Board of the Federal Judicial Center and member and former chair of its Committee on Appellate Judge Education; Member of the Judicial Conference Committee on Space and Facilities; Member of the Eighth Circuit Judicial Council, chairing the Committees on Bankruptcy and Space and Facilities; Chair and Member of the Eighth Circuit Committee on Federal Public Defenders; Past member and chair (appointed by Chief Justice Rehnquist) of the Bankruptcy Administration Committee of the United States Judicial Conference; Member of the Eighth Circuit Gender

Task Force; and Member of the Eighth Circuit Pattern Jury Instruction Committee.

Judge Melloy is also on the adjunct faculty at the University of Iowa College of Law, teaching a course on federal criminal sentencing.

Judge Melloy is married to Jane Anne (Knapp) Melloy and has three daughters, Jennifer Minessale (husband, Joe), Katherine Goettel (husband, Bryan) and Bridget Melloy (fiancé, Yusuf Daneshyar). He also has five grandchildren.

### **About the Artist**

U.S. Circuit Court Judge Michael Melloy joins a list of luminaries whose portraits have been painted by Jacqueline Jasper.

These have included U.S. Senator Tom Harkin of Iowa; John Cardinal O’Conner, commissioned by the New York Archdiocese; and a long list of college and university presidents including Dr. Jean-Lou Chameau, President, California Institute of Technology, 2006-2013; Dr. Muriel Howard, President of Buffalo State University, 1996-2009; and Dr. Beverly Daniel Tatum, President of Spelman College. 2002-2015; as well as a commission to paint the full series of all 9 former presidents of Lewis University in Illinois.

Jacqueline Jasper, was born and raised in Iowa, a half-mile from the “Field of Dreams.” She currently resides in Eastern Pennsylvania.

After a successful career as a fashion artist in New York, where she won numerous awards for her work, Jacqueline turned her talent to portraiture. Her background in the fashion world brings a classic sense of taste and style to her work as a portrait artist. Recognized by juries of her peers, Jacqueline has been the recipient of numerous awards in international competition: The Portrait Society of America, and The American Society of Portrait Artists, among them.

She received her BA in Fine Arts from the College of Saint Benedict in St. Joseph, Minnesota. Post graduate studies at Pratt Institute in New York, Parsons School of Design, Fashion Institute of Technology, New York Academy of Fine Art, and The National Academy of Art and Design. She has studied with internationally acclaimed artists, Nelson Shanks, Daniel Greene, Ray Kinsler, and Burt Silverman. She is a founding member of The Portrait Society of America and a member of the Lotos Club in New York.

During her years as a fashion artist and as a portrait artist, Jacqueline’s work has been published in dozens of national and international publications such as International Artist, Veranda, Art Direction, Town & Country, New York Times, and many others.

Jacqueline’s portraits hang in universities and prominent homes across America, including the Cardinal’s residence at Saint Patricks in the New York Archdiocese, as well as the Russell Building of the U.S. Senate.