

Judicial Council of the Alabama Lawyers Association

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Statement of the Judicial Council of the Alabama Lawyers Association on Equal Justice Under Law

About the Judicial Council of the Alabama Lawyers Association:

The Judicial Council of the Alabama Lawyers Association was formed in 2000 by a small group of African American judges who formalized the loose alliances they had shared for some 15 - 20 years prior. The judges serving as Chairperson were: Alabama Supreme Court Associate Justice Ralph D. Cook (ret.) 2000 - 2002; Macon County District Court Judge (ret.) Aubrey Ford 2002 - 2004; United States Chief Federal District Court for the Northern District of Alabama U. W. Clemon (ret.) 2004 - 2006; Senior Circuit Judge for the 10th Judicial Circuit, Bessemer Division Eugene R. Verin (ret.) 2006 - 2008; Presiding Circuit Judge for the 6th Judicial Circuit John H. England, Jr., 2008 - 2016; Presiding Circuit Judge for the 10th Judicial Circuit Elisabeth French 2016 - 2018; and, Senior Circuit Judge for the 10th Judicial Circuit, Bessemer Division, David J. Hobdy 2018 - present. Through the formalization of their associations black judges have incorporated the goals and ideals of the Judicial Council of the National Bar Association and they work to ensure their members achieve the highest professional and ethical standards through continued professional and social interaction.