

Portrait of former Chief Justice Pittman to be unveiled

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A portrait of former Mississippi Supreme Court Chief Justice Edwin Lloyd Pittman will be unveiled in the third floor lobby of the Gartin Justice Building, 450 High Street in Jackson, at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 10.

Mississippi Supreme Court Chief Justice James W. Smith Jr. and Mississippi Bar President C. York Craig Jr. will speak at the portrait presentation ceremony.

Former Chief Justice Pittman's children and his wife Virginia Pittman's children had the portrait painted. It is traditional for a justice's family to present a portrait to the Court.

Jackson artist Jane Nichols painted the portrait. "He was delightful to work with," she said.

Former Chief Justice Pittman said, "I'm honored, and I appreciate our children making this gift to the Court. It also gives me an opportunity to thank the people who have helped me so much, and to thank them for the career they allowed me to have."

"It also allows me to say again how much I appreciate the Court. I enjoyed being there. We have a really good Court now. They do good work."

Former Chief Justice Pittman retired March 31, 2004, after 40 years of public service. He now practices law in Ridgeland.

He joined the Mississippi Supreme Court in January 1989. He became chief justice in January 2001. He served in the Mississippi State Senate from 1964 to 1972; as State Treasurer from 1976 to 1980; as Secretary of State from 1980 to 1984; and as Attorney General from 1984 to 1988. He retired from the Mississippi National Guard as Brigadier General with 30 years of service.

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