



UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
District of Rhode Island

PASSING OF THE HONORABLE RONALD R. LAGUEUX

The United States District Court for the District of Rhode Island mourns the loss of the Honorable Ronald R. Lagueux, who passed away May 3, 2023, at the age of 91.

Nominated by President Ronald Reagan on January 21, 1986, to the newly created third seat authorized by 98 Stat. 333, Judge Lagueux served with distinction in the District of Rhode Island from 1986 – 2016, presiding over the historic Station Nightclub fire case and serving as chief judge from 1992-1999. He was a steward of the district and oversaw a significant Courthouse renovation project during his tenure aimed at preserving the integrity of the historic Courthouse. He later assumed senior status on November 30, 2001. Prior to his appointment to the bench, he served as executive counsel to Governor John Chafee and was an associate justice of the Rhode Island Superior Court from 1968 to 1986.

Judge Lagueux was born in Lewiston, Maine and received his Bachelor's degree from Bowdoin College in 1953, and his law degree from Harvard Law School in 1956.

Upon learning of Judge Lagueux's passing, Chief Judge John J. McConnell, Jr. noted, "the Judges of the Court are saddened at the death of our dear friend, colleague, and mentor. He was an exceptional jurist and respected by the legal community in Rhode Island. His legacy of public service is an inspiration, and we extend our deepest condolences to his wife, Denise and his family."

Honorable John J. McConnell, Jr.
Chief U.S. District Judge

Honorable William E. Smith
U.S. District Judge

Honorable Mary S. McElroy
U.S. District Judge

Honorable Lincoln D. Almond
U.S. Magistrate Judge

Honorable Patricia A. Sullivan
U.S. Magistrate Judge