

## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT District of Rhode Island

## DISTRICT COURT CONFERENCE COMMITTEE PRESENTS THE INAUGURAL OLIN W. THOMSPON, III JUSTICE AWARD TO BOB MANN

This year's inaugural Olin W. Thompson, III Justice Award is proudly presented to Bob Mann. Bob is a graduate of Yale University and Yale Law School. He admirably served as a Lieutenant in the U.S Army and served in Vietnam from October 1969 to August 1970. Bob has made significant contributions to the administration of justice, and the advancement of the rule of law throughout his career. Bob has a proud history of giving back to the communities he serves, with a pronounced emphasis on using his skills, time, and ingenuity to narrow the gap between those in need who seek legal assistance and access to justice.

Bob served as the District's CJA Panel Representative from 2004 to 2019 acting as a champion for those in need. Additionally, he served on Rhode Island's State Court murder and appellate panels as well as the U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit CJA Panel. Bob is admitted to practice in numerous jurisdictions such as Massachusetts federal and state courts, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Circuits, as well as the Supreme Court of the United States where he argued a case before it. *Moran v. Burbine*, 475 U.S. 412 (1986).

Bob is a recipient of a number of awards such as Ralph P. Semonoff Award for Professionalism, Richard M. Casparian Award and Justice Assistance Neil J. Houston, Jr. Memorial Award. It is only fitting that the District Court Conference Committee present the inaugural Olin W. Thompson III award to Bob Mann.

The Olin W. Thompson, III Justice Award was established to recognize and honor outstanding professionals in the legal community who serve with great distinction as a model of civility in the pursuit of justice and who have made significant contributions to the profession and the community.

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