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**Superior Court Judge Pendleton Gaines Passes Away after Battle with Cancer**



Superior Court Judge Pendleton Gaines, 66, passed away last night at St. Joseph's Hospital following a valiant battle with cancer. During his 11 years on the bench, he was known for his integrity, wit and sense of humor.

Judge Gaines was assigned to the Criminal Department at the time of his death. During his tenure, he served in the family and civil court departments and as the Civil Department Associate Presiding Judge.

"He was an excellent and respected civil trial lawyer for more than 30 years before he became a judge," said Superior Court Presiding Judge Norman Davis. "He was hardworking and collaborative and well respected in the community. We have lost a great Judge, a charming and dignified professional, a wonderful person and dear friend."

Before his appointment to the bench, Judge Gaines was an associate and partner in Evans, Kitchel & Jenckes from 1969 to 1989. From 1989 to 1999, he was a partner in the law firm of Fennemore Craig.

Judge Gaines earned his B.A. from the University of Arizona and his J.D. from the University of Virginia.

Memorial Services are pending.

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