Judge Eileen Anita Olds is a proud graduate of Indian River High School, Chesapeake, Virginia. She received a Bachelor of Arts degree *with distinction* from the University of Virginia, and a Juris Doctorate degree from William and Mary Law School. Her exceptional legal career began as a private practitioner, specializing in state and federal criminal defense, and domestic relations law. In addition, she was appointed by two Attorneys General to represent the State Department of Highways and Transportation, and served as a Divorce Commissioner, and Commissioner in Chancery prior to her tenure on the bench.

Judge Olds' 1995 appointment to the bench was historical in that she became the first woman and African-American judge in the First Judicial District in Virginia. Prior to her judicial appointment, Judge Olds served as President of the South Hampton Roads Bar Association, and on the Virginia Commission for Women and Minorities in the legal profession.

Her civic and professional affiliations include Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., the Links, Inc., and the Girl Friends, Inc. She is co-founder of the Friends of Hampton Roads, Inc., and a founder of the Williamsburg, VA Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority. She has consistently been a member of local, state and national bar and judicial organizations and, served on the Executive Board of the National Bar Association Judicial Council, and on the Executive Committee of the District Court Judges in Virginia.

In 2007, she was elected President of the American Judges Association,(AJA) the largest independent association of judges throughout the United States and Canada, and remains the first and only Virginian to hold the position since AJA's inception in 1959. She was inducted into Omicron Delta Kappa Honor Society as a Distinguished William and Mary Alumnae. She also is the recipient of the Douglas Morton Alumni Service Award from the College of William and Mary.

Previously, she also extended her community service on the Board of Directors of Job Corp, Inc., the Conference of Chief Justice's Best Practices Institute, and on the Virginia Task Force on Gangs and Youth Violence. In addition to her traditional court duties, Judge Olds was the visionary behind the implementation of a Truancy Court, designed to foster the importance of education. She has been recognized by numerous organizations, churches and educational institutions for her advocacy and dedication to youth.
Judge Olds is the recipient of many awards and citations from distinguished organizations including Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Phi Delta Kappa Sorority, Inc.,and Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., the United Negro College Fund, the

Conference of Minority Public Administrators, the American Judges Association, USAA, the Virginia Desert Conference of Courts, Daughters of Isis, the City of Chesapeake, Tidewater Community College and was previously designated as a Tazwell-Taylor Jurist-in-Residence at William and Mary Law School. She has been awarded the Thurgood Marshall Award from the National Bar Association Judicial Council, the Outstanding Jurist Award from the National Association of Women Judges, the Raymond Pace Alexander Award from the National Bar Association, the Woman of Achievement Award from Miss Chesapeake/Miss America Pageant and the Outstanding Virginian Award from the American Legion Auxiliary. She has also been honored and recognized for her public service from the Norfolk (VA)Navy Public Works Center, the United States Navy Military Sealift Command, the Atlantic Fleet's Commander Combat Logistics Group, and as a member of the Council on Legal Education's Hall of Fame.

Following twenty-four years of service, she retired on July 1, 2019. At the time of her retirement, she was Chesapeake's longest serving judge. She is the author of "*Twin Expectations: raising the bar, raising expectations, raising children!"*, and has been featured in other periodicals and publications.

Since her retirement, she has served on the boards of WHRO Public Media, the Philanthropy Council of the Children's Hospital of the Kings Daughters, and the Alumni Association Board of Directors at William and Mary Law School. She currently serves as a recall judge by appointment of the Chief Justice of Virginia.