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Judge Francis J. Talty

As a judge in the Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas (1964-1990) and as Presiding Judge for eighteen years, until his retirement, of its Probate Division, the Honorable Francis. J. Talty set an enduring example of impartiality and commitment to the principles of justice. His exemplary conduct of the second Sheppard trial was studied in law schools across the country.

Educated at Holy Name High School, John Carroll University and Western Reserve University, Judge Talty has generously shared his expertise and insights regarding the judicial process and fought for higher standards during and after his official retirement from the bench. In his role as an appointing authority of Cleveland Metroparks, Cleveland Metropolitan General Hospital, the Cuyahoga County Board of Mental Retardation, and the Cleveland Foundation, he played a key role in advancing the work of these key community institutions by finding able and dedicated trustees to guide their activities and establish sound policies.

Known for his devotion to fair play and the well-fought contest, Talty was elected president of the Cleveland Baseball Federation for eighteen straight years beginning in 1978 (as well as to the Holy Name and John Carroll University Halls of Fame in belated recognition of his own former basketball prowess. A Fellow (and later elected member) of the national College of State Trial Judges, he has served as president of the Ohio Probate Judges Association and of the Cuyahoga County Bar Association, Chairman of the Ohio Judicial Conference, trustee of Catholic Charities Corporation, and founding president of the Irish American Archives Society.

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