



**IAAS Walks of Life 2000
John V Corrigan**

The Honorable John V. Corrigan was born in Cleveland and graduated from St. Ignatius High School, John Carroll University and the Law School of Case Western Reserve University. His studies at JCU were interrupted in 1942 when he enlisted in the U.S. Army, then served 25 months in the WWII European Theater of Operations, earning all five battle stars. During his senior year at JCU he was president of the Student Union and named a member of Alpha Sigma Nu, the National Jesuit Honor Society. After graduation from law school he opened a law office in downtown Cleveland, and in 1950, was elected an Ohio State Representative. He was appointed to the Cleveland Municipal Court in September, 1953, then elected seven weeks later. In 1956 he was elected to the Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court by a substantial majority. All his subsequent reelections were without opposition. At the time, Judge Corrigan was the youngest man ever elected to these courts. His last three years at the Common Pleas Court were served as Chief Justice. Following his retirement in 1991 he served by special assignment on the Court of Appeals until 1995.

He is a past president of the Ohio Common Pleas Judges Association, the Ohio Judicial Conference and the National Conference of Metropolitan Courts. His many civic and religious avocations have included various leadership roles with the old Cleveland Welfare Federation, the boards of St. Vincent Charity Hospital Nursing School and Hawthornden State Hospital, the Greater Cleveland Safety Council, the Cleveland Cultural Gardens, the Good Shepherd Guild, St. Ignatius Loyola Alumni Association, Cleveland Newman Alumni Society, the national boards of Catholic Charities and the St. Vincent de Paul Society, and the overseers board of Case Western Reserve University. For his "unusually meritorious service," Judge Corrigan has been honored by the Ohio State Bar Association, the American Judicature Society, The National Conference of Metropolitan Courts, John Carroll University, the Cleveland Bar Association, the Greater Cleveland Veterans Council, and St. Ignatius High School. Judge Corrigan and his wife, Eileen Hopkins Corrigan, are the parents of seven and grandparents of eight.

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