

## **Magistrate Judge Daniel E. Klein, Jr.**

Magistrate Judge Daniel E. Klein, Jr. was born in 1934 in Baltimore, Maryland. Judge Klein was awarded his B.A. degree in 1956 from Union College. He then attended the University of Maryland Law School, attaining his LL.B. in 1964, and his J.D. in 1969.

Entering active duty in the U. S. Air Force in 1956, Judge Klein embarked on his military career as a pilot and was released in 1960. From 1962-82, he served with the Maryland Air National Guard, retiring as a lieutenant colonel.

From 1963-64, Judge Klein served as a law clerk to Judge J. Gilbert Prendergast of the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City. The following year, he acted as a law clerk to Judge Edward S. Northrop of the U. S. District Court for the District of Maryland. Judge Klein then entered private practice in 1965 as a partner in the law firm of Klein and Harlan. While in private practice, Judge Klein served as a United States Commissioner from 1968-70; and as a part-time U. S. Magistrate Judge, from 1970-73 and 1977-78. On October 18, 1978, Judge Klein was appointed as a full-time Magistrate Judge of the U. S. District Court for the District of Maryland. He served as Chief Magistrate Judge from 1997 until his retirement in May 1999. Judge Klein continued to serve on recall status until his death on February 12, 2002.

Admitted to the Maryland Bar and the Baltimore City Bar in 1964, Judge Klein was also a member of the bar of the Supreme Court of the United States since 1966.

Judge Klein was also a member of other organizations, such as the American Judicature Society; Baltimore Area Council, Boy Scouts of America; and Church Vestry. He also was an instructor of the Paralegal Program at Dundalk Community College from 1974-77.

Judge Klein received several awards and commendations while in the military, e.g. Pilot Wings and the Combat Ready Medal. Other awards included the American Federation of Police Honor Award; Life Membership, Chamber of Commerce, Metropolitan Baltimore; FAA's "We Point with Pride" Award; Silver Beaver Award and Silver Antelope Award, Boy Scouts of America; and St. George Episcopal Award, The Episcopal Church and Boy Scouts of America.