

## **Magistrate Judge Victor H Laws, III**

Magistrate Judge Victor H. Laws, III was born in 1953 in Baltimore, Maryland. Judge Laws attended Dickinson College from 1971-72, and finished his undergraduate work at Brown University, attaining an A.B. degree in 1975. Thereafter, from 1975-78, Judge Laws pursued his law degree at the University of Maryland Law School. While at law school, Judge Laws completed an internship with the Honorable Marvin H. Smith of the Court of Appeals of Maryland, as part of the Asper Fellowship Program. In addition, he was co-chair of the Moot Court Board.

Judge Laws embarked on his career in private practice in 1978, as a partner at Long, Laws, Hughes & Bahen in Salisbury, Maryland. Since 1984, Judge Laws has been a partner at Laws & Laws, P.A. From 1985-94, he taught American Constitutional Government and Civil Liberties at Salisbury State University. On March 22, 1988, Judge Laws was appointed to the position of part-time United States Magistrate Judge for the District Court for the District of Maryland.

Admitted to the Maryland Bar in 1978, and to the U. S. District Court for the District of Maryland Bar in 1979, Judge Laws is also a member of the American Bar Association; the Maryland State Bar Association (various committees and sections); the Wicomico County Bar Association (President, 2000); Hebron Savings Bank (Director, 1987-present); Leadership Maryland (1999); and the Salisbury Area Chamber of Commerce (President, 1997-98).