

JUDGE R. MALCOLM GRAHAM

Class of 1961

Inducted 1999

One of the most honored athletes in the history of White Plains High School, Judge R. Malcolm Graham, a member of the Class of 1961, has served as a Massachusetts Superior Court Judge for the past 13 years. Judge Graham, known as "Mal", was born in Parrott, GA and raised in White Plains. He was an All-County selection in both basketball and track (high jump), was representative of the decade of the 60's for Con Edison's Athlete of the Week program and is a member of the Westchester County Sports Hall of Fame. He was recently named one of the top five basketball players in this century from Westchester County by *The Journal News*.

After high school, Judge Graham continued his basketball career at New York University, where he became the school's all-time leading scorer. Upon graduating from NYU's Stern School of Business, Mr. Graham was awarded the Brosius Key for Outstanding Achievement in Business Writing and Speaking. Judge Graham was a first-round draft choice of the Boston Celtics, where he was a member of two NBA championship teams. He graduated from Boston College Law School, and, after a stint in private practice as a civil trial lawyer and labor dispute arbitrator, was appointed to the Roxbury, MA District Court. He also was editor and co-author of *Judicial Wellness: A Stress Management Guide For and By Judges*.

In 1986 Governor Dukakis appointed him to the Superior Court where he has presided over a large number of highly publicized criminal matters. Judge Graham has served as president of the Massachusetts Black Judges Conference for eight years.

He has also worked on a variety of innovative projects with Boston area public, independent, and law schools to increase opportunities and incentives for minority youngsters to further their education in both high school and college.