

## Tulane Law School Awards Posthumous Hall of Fame Award



**Summary:** Tulane Law School is honoring Judge Kaliste J. Saloom by putting him in their hall of fame.

**Tulane Law School** announced their intention of honoring a loyal member of the legal community. Judge Kaliste J. Saloom, who died this past December, will be inducted into the law school's Hall of Fame. Saloom dedicated nearly his entire career to practicing law, serving four decades as the Judge for Lafayette City Court, according to KLFY.

Saloom started out by graduating valedictorian from Cathedral High. He went on to the University of Louisiana-Lafayette, formerly known as Southwestern Louisiana Institute, and then graduated Order of the Coif from Tulane Law School in 1942.

Armed with his law degree, Saloom joined the military in 1942 to serve in North Africa, Germany and France with the U.S. Army Counter Intelligence Corps as a special agent during WWII. When Saloom got back from the war, he opened his own law practice in 1946. He became a judge shortly after in 1953.

The Saloom family has deep roots with the law school, now five generations of Saloom family graduates of Tulane Law School. The law school started their Hall of Fame in 2012 when they were given an endowment gift by Lake Charles attorney Mike Vernon and his wife Melinda.

Some of those inducted since the Hall of Fame's creation include 5<sup>th</sup> U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals Judge John Minor Wisdom, U.S. Majority Leader Hale Boggs, Marian Mayer Berkett, Wayne J. Lee, and John Giffen Weinmann.

Members of the Hall of Fame are selected by an alumni committee with consultation from the dean. They consider the nominee's professional achievements and dedication to the mission and current students at Tulane Law School.

Saloom's son will receive the posthumous award on behalf of Saloom during a ceremony just 5 days before what would have been his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Who are some members of the legal community that you think receive special recognition for their work? Share some of your thoughts with us in the comments below.

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