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Judge Mikel Williams Earns Richard C. Fields Civility Award

BOISE – U.S. Judge Mikel Williams, a longtime advocate for civility and professionalism, has been named the first recipient of an award named after another exemplar of civility, Richard C. Fields, who passed away earlier this year.

“Judge Mikel Williams has a well-deserved reputation as a collegial judge and leader in the legal community. The selection committee was pleased to award the first Richard C. Fields Civility Award to Judge Williams. His legal and community involvement over the years is inspiring.” said Gene Petty, Immediate Past Chairperson of the Professionalism & Ethics Section.

The Richard C. Fields Civility Award was created by the Idaho State Bar Professionalism & Ethics Section and Concordia University School of Law, where Fields chaired the Dean’s Advisory Council. It is given to an Idaho lawyer who demonstrates a commitment to professionalism and civility in the profession. It will be presented at Concordia Law’s Professionalism and Ethics Orientation for first-year law students, a program that Fields helped to create, on Saturday, Aug. 23rd at noon.

Judge Williams said he was honored to be considered for the award. He said, “Richard ‘Dick’ Fields was not only a successful trial attorney, but he was also a true gentleman. Throughout his long and distinguished career, he maintained the highest degree of professionalism and treated everyone with dignity and respect.”

Judge Williams has also earned the 2012 Idaho State Bar Professionalism Award and has served on the Steering Committee for the Idaho Academy of Leadership for Lawyers.

Williams reflected on his own experience with Fields’ sense of civility: “The adoption of the civility standards governing judges and lawyers by both federal and state courts was due in large part to his efforts. Establishing a civility award in his name is well deserved, and I am honored to receive an award that bears his name.”

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