

Judge Lumpkin to be Inducted into SWOSU Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame

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Gary L. Lumpkin, presiding judge of The Oklahoma Court of Criminal Appeals, is being inducted into Southwestern Oklahoma State University's Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame.

Judge Lumpkin will be honored at the May 12 SWOSU Convocation on the Weatherford campus and will be the featured speaker.

Lumpkin was appointed to the Court of Criminal Appeals by Governor Henry Bellmon and began serving in 1989. He is currently serving his third term as presiding judge of the court. He previously served three terms as vice-presiding judge.

A native of Sentinel, Lumpkin is a 1964 graduate of Weatherford High School. He graduated from SWOSU in 1968 with a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration. He received his Juris Doctorate from the University of Oklahoma School of Law in 1974.

Lumpkin served in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1968-71, serving 18 months in Vietnam. He retired with 30 years of service in 1998 with the rank of Colonel in the Marine Corps Reserve. He completed his military service as one of only two Marine Reserve judges assigned to the Navy-Marine Corps Court of Criminal Appeals.

Living in Madill, Lumpkin was appointed Assistant District Attorney for Marshall County in 1976 and subsequently First Assistant District Attorney, 20th District. He served as Associate District Judge for Marshall County from 1982-85 and District Judge, 20th Judicial District, Division II, from 1985-89. He was then appointed to The Oklahoma Court of Criminal Appeals

Lumpkin is a member of the Oklahoma Bar Association, Oklahoma Bar Foundation, Oklahoma County Bar Association and the Marshall County Bar Association. He is also active in many other professional and civic activities.

In 2001, Lumpkin was elected to a three-year term as a member of the Board of Directors, National Center of State Courts, in Williamsburg, VA. He was reelected to the board for another term and continues to serve as a member of the Finance Committee, Investment Review Committee and Development Committee.

Judge Lumpkin and his wife, Barbara, have one child.

Lumpkin will be honored at the SWOSU Convocation, which is Saturday, May 12, at 10 a.m. at Milam Stadium on the Weatherford campus.