

## **Judge Robin M. Giarrusso**

Robin M. Giarrusso is the senior judge of the Orleans Parish Civil District Court. She served as the Court's Chief Judge from 1998-2000. Judge Giarrusso was appointed by the Louisiana Supreme Court to the State's Judiciary Commission, and served as the Chair of the Commission during the last year of her appointment.

Active in the community, Judge Giarrusso serves as the membership vice-president of the New Orleans Bar Association Inn of Court, chair of the NOBA Professionalism Committee, vice-president of Temple Sinai, and on the board of the Tulane University Alumni Association. She has served as an assistant bar examiner, class agent for her Newcomb College class, and on the board of the Anti-Defamation League, the Judges and Lawyers Assistance Program, Jewish Children's Regional Service, the Pro-Bono Project, and the Newcomb Alumnae Association. She is a frequent lecturer at continuing legal education seminars speaking on such topics as ethics, professionalism, civil procedure and women in the judiciary. Judge Giarrusso received the First Annual Michaelle Pitard Wynne Professionalism Award given by the Association of Women Attorneys. The National Urban League recently gave her an award for distinguished public service and she received the 2015 Distinguished Jurist Award from the Pro Bono Project.

Judge Giarrusso has lectured on and is interested in advocacy for people with physical disabilities. She is a former board member of Resources for Independent Living, Easter Seals, and the Education and Support Program for Children's Hospital. Judge Giarrusso was appointed by former Chief Justice Calogero to attend a national conference on the court related needs of persons with disabilities.

Judge Giarrusso is a graduate of Newcomb College and the Tulane University Law School. She served on the staff of the City Attorney's Office prior to her election where she specialized in contract and public matters.