

APPENDIX

JUSTICE ALVA P. LOISELLE 1910–2005

The Honorable Alva P. Loiselle died on December 22, 2005, at the age of ninety-five. Justice Loiselle was a longtime Willimantic resident who served more than twenty-eight years in the Connecticut judiciary. Justice Loiselle was born in Willimantic on July 4, 1910, and attended Windham High School. He graduated from the University of Connecticut in 1934, and received his law degree from the University of Connecticut School of Law in 1943. Upon graduation, he was admitted to the Connecticut bar that same year.

Justice Loiselle was a member of the Windham County Bar Association, the Connecticut Bar Association and the American Bar Association. He served as corporation counsel for the city of Willimantic and town counsel for the towns of Windham, Mansfield and Canterbury. Additionally, he served as an instructor at the University of Connecticut from 1946 to 1952.

During his twenty-eight years on the bench, Justice Loiselle served on several of the Connecticut courts. He served as a judge on the Court of Common Pleas from 1952 to 1957. In 1957, he was appointed a judge of the Superior Court where he served for fourteen years. Additionally, he served as the chief judge of that court from 1970 to 1971. He was appointed an associate justice of the Connecticut Supreme Court in 1971. During his tenure as a justice on the Supreme Court, Justice Loiselle sat on a total of 1551 cases, of which he authored 224 majority opinions, six concurring opinions and fifteen dissenting opinions. He also served as chair of the Superior Court rules committee.

Justice Loiselle retired from the Supreme Court in 1980 upon reaching the mandatory retirement age of seventy. Following his retirement from the Supreme Court, Justice Loiselle continued as a member of the Connecticut judiciary, working as a judge trial referee, in which capacity he heard numerous Superior Court cases. Until 1998, he also worked on the appellate preargument conference settlement program.

Justice Loiselle was honored in 1966 by the University of Connecticut when he was presented with the Distinguished Alumni Award. The honor was in recognition of his outstanding professional, personal and civic achievements

as a former student of the University of Connecticut who brought pride and distinction to the University. Additionally, one of the moot court competitions at the University of Connecticut School of Law is named in honor of Justice Loiselle.

Justice Loiselle was predeceased by his first wife, Genevieve Bernard Loiselle, and by his second wife, Laura Rowan Loiselle, and was survived by four nieces and nephews.
