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Biography: Born July 26, 1955, in Durham, N.C. Educated at North Carolina State University (B.A., 1976) and University of Miami (J.D., 1980). Editor: *Lawyer of the Americas Journal of International Law*. Married Dr. W. Kent Wray. Has two daughters, Jennifer and Katherine; one son Christopher. Former pres. of the National College of Probate Judges and past pres. of the Blue Ridge Institute for Juvenile and Family Law Judges. Appointed to serve as one of four U.S. International Liaison Network Judges for the Hague Convention on Child Abduction. Co-founded the Russell House in Phelps Co. Appointed to the Missouri Task Force on Aging-Out. Appointed by the Missouri Supreme Court to chair the Missouri Family Court Committee. Received the CASA HOPE Award, 2011. Recipient of the *Missouri Lawyers Weekly's* Women's Justice Awards honoree class, 2012. Involved in her Rotary Club, PEO, and in the First United Methodist Church and the board for the Phelps Co. Community Partnership Program. Elected as associate circuit judge, 1983. Presiding circuit judge, 25th Judicial Circuit, 2004 and 2010. Appointed to the Court of Appeals, December 2012. Term expires December 31, 2014.