

## **Jack H. Cook (Circuit Judge, Retired)**

Jack H. Cook has served as a Palm Beach County Circuit Judge for the past 30 years in every division of the Circuit Court. He was appointed to the Bench in October of 1981 by Governor Bob Graham and continued to serve the Circuit Court until his retirement in April of 2011. During his judicial tenure, Judge Cook served as the Administrative Judge in every division and from 1993-1995 as Chief Judge. He has served on the following Supreme Court Committees: Jury Instructions in Civil Cases; Mediation and Arbitration Rules; Trial Court Efficiency and Accountability. He served on the faculty of the Florida College of Advanced Judicial Studies (AJS) teaching courses in the areas of Civil, Criminal and Family law. Also, he served as both the Civil Law Course Coordinator and the Family Law Course Coordinator for AJS.

Following his service on the bench, Judge Cook joined ARC Mediation where he will continue to resolve Civil and Family cases as a Mediator, Umpire, Referee and Special Master.

### **Professional**

- 2011-1981 Circuit Judge
- 1995-1993 Chief Judge, Fifteenth Judicial Circuit
- 1981-1975 Phillips, Babbitt and Cook, Partner
- 1975-1971 Ohio Attorney General's Office

### **Faculties**

- Florida College of Advanced Judicial Studies

### **Education/Background**

- 1971-1968 United States Army
- 1968 Juris Doctorate, Ohio State University College of Law
- 1965 Bachelor of Arts, Hope College, Holland, Michigan

### **Awards**

- 2011 Jurist of the Year, North County Bar Association
- 2011 Inaugural Outstanding Jurist Award, Craig S. Barnard American Inn of Court
- 2006-2007 Professionalism Award, Palm Beach County Bar Association
- 1995 Jurist of the Year, South Palm Beach County Bar Association

### **Affiliations/Memberships**

- The Florida Bar
- Palm Beach County Bar Association