

SSSP DISPATCH



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SSSPer Appointed to First District Circuit Court



The U.S. Senate unanimously confirmed Rhode Island Superior Court Justice O. Rogeriee Thompson to be a Judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit. Justice Thompson, who was sworn in on September 27, 2010, becomes the first African-American Judge and the second woman to serve on the Boston-based appeals court. The two senators from Rhode Island said of Judge Thompson, "Justice Thompson exemplifies the best of Rhode Island and is an inspiration for many Americans. She is hardworking, civic minded, and has earned the respect of her peers in the legal community. Justice Thompson has served on the Rhode Island Superior Court with honor and distinction and will make an outstanding addition to the federal bench." A 1967 and

1968 SSSP attendee, she received her Juris Doctor degree from the Boston University School of Law in 1976.

Circuit Courts are responsible for overseeing large space and facilities projects within the circuits, reviewing local court rules for consistency with national rules of procedure, approving district court plans on topics such as equal employment opportunity and jury selection, and reviewing complaints of judicial misconduct. At the time of her nomination to the First Circuit by President Obama, Justice Thompson served as a Rhode Island Superior Court judge.

Justice Thompson is an example of the continued fulfillment of the legacy of Samuel H. Johnson. SSSP served as a motivator of superior intellectual and social excellence. Through Justice Thompson's generous and consistent financial support, she continues to actively support the ideals and goals of the SSSP Foundation, Inc.

From SSSP to MIT

Kenneth Manning attended SSSP in 1964 and 1965 and is remembered for his outstanding performance in mathematics under the often challenging Dr. Parker. He received his B.A., M.A., and Ph.D. from Harvard University (History of Science; 1970, 1971, and 1974). Dr. Manning joined the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) faculty in 1974. His first major work was a study of nineteenth-century mathematics. This was followed by *Black Apollo of Science: The Life of Ernest Everett Just* (1983), which won the Pfizer Award and the Lucy Hampton Bostick Award, and was a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize, the Kennedy Book Award, and the National Book Critics Circle Award.

Dr. Manning currently spends his time away from MIT on his 750-acre farm in Dillon, South Carolina. He was a mentor to another outstanding resident of Dillon, Dr. Ben Bernanke, 14th Chairman of the Federal Reserve Bank. Dr. Manning encouraged the talented young Bernanke to continue to expand his educational gifts.

Dr. Manning continues to demonstrate the love for learning encouraged by SSSP and inspires his students to become lifelong learners. His continued commitment to the goals of SSSP helps the Foundation sustain the legacy of Samuel H. Johnson.



Happy Thanksgiving

A Blessings Tax

As the Thanksgiving season approaches, those of us who attended SSSP have many blessings for which to be thankful. Suppose there was a tax on blessings. Complete the short form below to determine what you would owe.

The Short Form

BLESSING	TAX (per unit)	AMOUNT DUE
I have a comfortable home	\$ 5.00	\$ _____
I have _____ television(s)	\$ 0.50	\$ _____
I have an Iphone/Blackberry or similar	\$ 1.00	\$ _____
I have _____ child/children	\$ 2.00	\$ _____
I have _____ grandchild/grandchildren	\$ 3.00	\$ _____
I am under 60 years old	\$ 2.00	\$ _____
I am over 60 years young	\$ 5.00	\$ _____
I have good health	\$ 5.00	\$ _____
I am highly favored because I attended SSSP	\$ 10.00	\$ _____
I am thankful to have known Samuel H. Johnson	\$ 10.00	\$ _____
TOTAL TAX DUE		\$ _____

Now that you have calculated your “Blessing Tax,” consider contributing that amount, or **MORE**, to the SSSP Scholarship Fund. Make the check for your **tax-deductible** contribution to the “Samuel H. Johnson SSSP Foundation, Inc.” and mail to P.O. Box 372750, Decatur, GA 30037-2750. Your help is crucial to the Foundations efforts to raise the **\$3,600** needed to fund the five \$1,000 scholarships planned to be awarded this year.

The Board is working diligently to move towards the establishment of a Scholarship Endowment Fund that will be large enough to fund the annual scholarship awards. By doing this, we can ensure that the Foundation can award a minimum of five \$1,000 scholarships annually. Thank you for your support.

The Samuel H. Johnson SSSP Foundation, Inc., Board of Directors.

Send Us Your Story

In this issue, the Board featured former SSSPers who have demonstrated their support of the Foundation’s goal to carry on the legacy of Samuel H. Johnson. Please share your story and provide a photo. You may be in the next newsletter.

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