

Statement of New Bedford's Mayor Jon Mitchell on the passing of Judge George Jacobs

"I am saddened by the loss of George Jacobs, one of New Bedford's leading legal minds, a dedicated public servant, and a mentor to countless attorneys.

A graduate of New Bedford High School, Harvard College and Harvard Law School, George served nearly thirty years as a state court judge, including more than a decade as an Associate Justice of the Massachusetts Appeals Court, and before that as a judge on the Superior Court and Probate and Family Court.

He had a highly successful private practice in New Bedford and served as City Solicitor and as an Assistant Attorney General. In his retirement, he helped to shape future lawyers as a law professor at the University of Massachusetts School of Law and its predecessor, Southern New England School of Law, and he was the author of a leading treatise on professional ethics. George's mentorship of young lawyers and his friendship to many will be sorely missed, but his commitment to justice and legal education will continue to inspire future members of the bar.

I extend my deepest condolences to his wife, Lois, his children, and the entire Jacobs family."—Mayor Jon Mitchell.