John E. Washington

John Elmer Washington was born in Cleveland in 1914. After graduating from Central High School, he attended Virginia State College and gained his undergraduate degree in Business Administration from Fenn College. Further, he received his law degree from Cleveland Marshall Law School through classes at night, while he worked to pay his way as a deputy tax collector with the Internal Revenue Service. Washington passed the bar in 1952. He resigned from the IRS to establish his law practice in 1955.



He had two terms as Special Assistant to the Ohio Attorney General, from 1967-1971. In 1975, he made an unsuccessful attempt to gain a seat on the municipal court.

Appointed by Governor James A. Rhodes to fill an unexpired term, he was unsuccessful in his election for the remaining term. Following his term on the municipal bench, he worked as a hearing officer for the division of real estate of the Ohio Department of Commerce.

He passed away in 1982 at the age of 67.

John E. Washington served Cleveland Municipal Court from February 16, 1977 to January 3, 1978.