

## 22 QUESTIONS: CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE JOHN MADDUX



Name: John Jared Maddux Jr.

Hometown: Cookeville

Now living in: Cookeville

Family: Wife Lynne, son Jared Maddux, daughter-in-law Jennifer Maddux, daughter Sara Robertson, son-in-law Joseph Robertson, three grandchildren and my mom Mrs. Jared Maddux.

First job: Service station attendant, making 50¢ per hour.

Current occupation (and since when): Circuit Judge, 13th Judicial District, since 1984.

What I love about my job: Dispensing justice for those who enter the judicial system and being able to donate a

week's vacation to chair Tennessee's American Legion Boys' State program.

Part of my job I could do without: Cases involving children who are in impossible and difficult situations.

What drew me to this occupation was: My father who was an attorney and an elected official serving as Tennessee's Lieutenant Governor.

Dream job: Circuit Judge in the state of Tennessee.

When I'm not working I'm: Looking for the grandchildren.

I'm most proud of: My family.

Something most people don't know about me: With my mother's encouragement I was able to achieve the rank of Eagle Scout at a very young age. Thank's mom.

Favorite movie: "Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid."

Favorite food: Almost any kind of seafood.

My hero (and why): My college roommate and dear friend Andy Holt III, who was a missionary to Africa and currently is a lay minister at a very large church.

As a child, I thought I'd grow up to be: An attorney.

What I watch on TV: News, the History Channel or sports.

Favorite childhood memory: Family summer vacations at Cumberland Mountain State Park in Crossville.

If I could do it all over again I'd: Do it all the same way.

I'd love to meet (living or dead): Jesus the Christ.

Advice I'd pass on to future generations: Keep your options open until you must decide; be a productive member of the groups or organizations you choose; and by all means persevere.

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### **CIRCUIT JUDGE JOHN MADDUX ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT**

**COOKEVILLE** — Circuit Court Judge John J. Maddux, Jr. will serve as judge through Aug. 31, 2014, and thus complete 30 years of service.

Judge Maddux has announced he will not seek reelection in the August 2014 election and will be retiring at the end of this current term.



“It’s an honor and a privilege to serve the people of the Thirteenth Judicial District,” Judge Maddux said.

Judge Maddux was first elected circuit court judge in 1984, and has been re-elected without opposition in 1990, 1998 and 2006.

The Thirteenth Judicial District is composed of Clay, Cumberland, DeKalb, Overton, Pickett, Putnam and White counties.

Judge Maddux has served as past president of the Tennessee Judicial Conference and the Tennessee Trial Judges Association. He has been a member of the Tennessee Pattern Jury Instruction-Civil Committee for 28 years. He was a member of the two person subcommittee which drafted the initial comparative fault jury instructions

which were later modified and adopted by the full committee.

He was chairman of the Tennessee Pattern Jury Instruction Clarity Sub-Committee, which rewrote the entire pattern jury instruction book so that civil jury instructions would be more easily understood by jurors, attorneys and judges.

He has sat by special designation on the Tennessee Court of Appeals, the Tennessee Court of Criminal Appeals and the Supreme Court Special Workers' Compensation Panel. Judge Maddux was offered, but respectfully declined, a nomination for a Federal District Court judgeship.

Judge Maddux currently serves as chairman of the Judicial Conference's Long Range Planning Committee and has served as a member of the Legislative Committee and the Judicial Education Committee.

He was Tennessee's delegate to the National Conference of the Judiciary on Bioethical Issues.

In 2010, Judge Maddux was elected chairman of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Judicial Conference Foundation, Inc., a position he now holds.

The past presidents of the Judicial Conference along with three at large board members comprise the directors of the Foundation. The Foundation's mission is to offer need based scholarships for students at each of the colleges of law in Tennessee.

In 2011, Judge Maddux was awarded the Justice Frank F. Drowota III Outstanding Judicial Service Award.

Last year, he was chosen to be a fellow of the American Bar Association which is an honor limited to less than one percent of the lawyers in America.

Judge Maddux has presided in approximately 600 judicial settlement conferences.

These settlement conferences are a form of mediation and have been successful almost 85 percent of the time.

For 35 years, he has served as State Chairman of Tennessee American Legion Boys State. During that time approximately 20,000 17-year-old delegates have attended Tennessee American Legion Boys State at Tennessee Tech University.

He is the author of a book titled "Tennessee Government," a copy of which is given to each Boys State delegate to study and be tested on during the week of Boys State.

Tennessee's American Legion Boys State is currently ranked as the number one Boys State program in the nation.

Judge Maddux has made presentations on comparative fault law to the Tennessee Judicial Conference, the Tennessee House of Representatives Judiciary Committee, and several Tennessee attorney organizations.

He is one of the instructors who teaches the section on jury trials at the Tennessee Judicial Conference's Judicial Academy for new judges. Judge Maddux has taught the course on business law at Tennessee Tech University.

Judge Maddux attended undergraduate school at Tennessee Tech University and the University of Tennessee in Knoxville. He received his J.D. degree from the University of Tennessee.

He practiced both civil and criminal law in state and federal courts in Tennessee.

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\*See Maddux and related family files at: <http://www.ajlambert.com>