Hon. Robert Renaut Beezer
Hon. Robert R. BEEZER Judge Robert Renaut Beezer, United States Court of Appeals, died of lung cancer on March 30, 2012 in Seattle where he was born on July 21, 1928. His parents were Mary Josephine and Arnold Roswell Beezer. He graduated from St. Joseph School, Seattle Prep and attended the University of Washington for two years before transferring to the University of Virginia. He graduated in 1951 and spent the next two years, during the Korean war, on active duty with the U. S. Marine Corps. He remained in the Reserves, retiring with the rank of Lt. Colonel. After his active military duty he attended the University of Virginia School of Law, graduating in 1956. He returned to Seattle and joined the law firm then known as McMicken, Rupp and Schweppe. In 1984, when he was nominated by President Ronald Reagan and confirmed by the Senate for a seat on the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, the firm had become Schweppe, Krug, Tausend & Beezer. In 1957 he married Hazlehurst Plant Smith in Washington, D.C. He is survived by his wife and two sons and a daughter: Robert Arnold Beezer and his wife, Patricia Ina Dorsey, John Leighton Beezer and Mary Allison Beezer. He leaves two grandsons, David Ross Dorsey Beezer and Robert Patrick Dorsey Beezer. He is also survived by a sister, Allison Tyree and her husband, Alan Tyree, who live in Australia, and a brother, Arnold Roswell Beezer, S.J., of Post Falls Idaho. An indication of his personality was the delight he took in swearing in some 600 new citizens for many years at the Fourth of July ceremony at the Seattle Center. Love of country, family and God were his hallmarks. The funeral will be private, followed by burial in the Tahoma National Cemetery. A special court ceremony will be held at a later date.

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