

## *Mabel M. Jasper*

Mabel Jean Mathews Jasper is a native of Alabama who moved to Cleveland when she was ten years old. She excelled in school and graduated from Glenville High at the age of 16. In just three years, she earned a bachelor's degree with a teaching certificate from Kent State University.

A first job as a substitute teacher at John Burroughs Elementary School at age 19 became a career of twenty years, molding the young minds in grades three through six.

In 1973 at the age of 39, Jasper wanted another challenge. She enrolled in the Cleveland Marshall College of Law and graduated three years later. Passing the bar, she worked in private practice and served as General Counsel for a local savings and loan association. From there, she became an Assistant Attorney General and trial attorney for the Bureau of Worker's Compensation. She served as a magistrate at Cuyahoga County Domestic Relations Court. After four years, she decided it was time to run for office. Elected to municipal court in 1987, she was re-elected continuously until forced to retire by statute. Jasper has continued to serve the court as a visiting judge since her retirement.



Mabel M. Jasper served Cleveland Municipal Court from January 5, 1988 to December 31, 2005.