

RETIREMENT OF CHIEF DEPUTY CLERK

SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

MONDAY, JUNE 14, 1971

Present: MR. CHIEF JUSTICE BURGER, MR. JUSTICE BLACK, MR. JUSTICE DOUGLAS, MR. JUSTICE HARLAN, MR. JUSTICE BRENNAN, MR. JUSTICE STEWART, MR. JUSTICE WHITE, and MR. JUSTICE BLACKMUN.

THE CHIEF JUSTICE said:

Today we wish to take note of the retirement of Edmund P. Cullinan, Chief Deputy Clerk of this Court, after 41 years of dedicated service to the Court. Mr. Cullinan entered the service of the Court in 1930, the same year that Charles Evans Hughes became Chief Justice. He has thus served with five of its 15 Chief Justices. Through those years his conscientious and able performance of duty has contributed immeasurably to the efficient operation of the Supreme Court.

Thousands of litigants and countless members of the Bar of the Court are indebted to him for his skillful and expeditious attention to their problems, great and small. They are indebted to him, too, for his unfailing courtesy and his capacity for sensitive understanding of their individual needs and problems.

These days we speak often of the importance of efficient court administration. Edmund Cullinan labored more than four decades in that cause, and he did it with unobtrusive loyalty and high professional skill. No detail was ever too small to escape his thoughtful attention, and no task ever too large to deter his conscientious ef-

forts, and few have ever equalled his grasp of procedure and practice before the Supreme Court.

His 41 years of honorable service with the Court have been uniformly characterized by the qualities of integrity and unswerving devotion to duty that are indispensable to the efficient and fair administration of justice. His retirement is a loss to the Court and to all who come here.

I know I speak for all the members of the Court, and for our predecessors with whom he served, when I express our heartfelt thanks to Edmund P. Cullinan as he leaves the institution he loved so well and served so loyally, and he leaves with our best wishes for the future.