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Fulton County Sheriff's Office Mourns the Passing of Judge Albert Leroy Thompson, Jr.

ATLANTA, GA. — The Fulton County Sheriff's Office mourns the passing of Judge Albert Leroy Thompson, Jr., beloved uncle of Sheriff Patrick "Pat" Labat, who departed this life on October 12, 2026, following an extended illness.

Judge Thompson dedicated nearly three decades to public service in Fulton County, retiring as Chief Judge of the State Court of Fulton County.

A proud graduate of Morehouse College, where he served as a special writing assistant to Dr. Benjamin E. Mays, Judge Thompson earned his Juris Doctorate degree from Boston College School of Law in 1972. He returned to Atlanta to practice law, contributed to the successful political campaigns of President Jimmy Carter and Mayor Maynard Jackson and ultimately pursued his own distinguished career on the bench.

Beyond the courtroom, Judge Thompson was a devoted father, passionate traveler and lifelong learner who embraced life with curiosity and grace.

The Fulton County Sheriff's Office extends its heartfelt condolences to Judge Thompson's family during this difficult time. His legacy of service and the lives he touched will be remembered for generations.

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ABOUT THE FULTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE: The mission of the Fulton County Sheriff's Office is Service; through laser-focused efforts to protect the citizens of Fulton County with coordinated law enforcement operations, special strategic teams, and community outreach methods. The Sheriff's Office is constitutionally responsible for the security of all courtrooms, executing arrest warrants, and serving civil papers. In addition, the Sheriff's Office is responsible for the administration and operation of the Fulton County Jail.