



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER JML 24-153

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***FLAGS AT HALF-STAFF – JUSTICE JEFFREY VICTORY***

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**WHEREAS**, the Honorable Justice Jeffrey P. Victory, retired Louisiana Supreme Court Justice, passed away on Thursday, September 26, 2024;

**WHEREAS**, he was born on January 29, 1946, in Shreveport, Louisiana to the late Thomas Edward Victory and Currie Esther Horton and had seven siblings;

**WHEREAS**, he was a graduate of C.E. Byrd High School and Centenary College of Louisiana, where he was inducted into both the C.E. Byrd High School Hall of Fame and the Centenary College Hall of Fame;

**WHEREAS**, he graduated from Tulane Law School in 1971, where he was a member of the Tulane Law Review and on a Regional Academic Scholarship;

**WHEREAS**, he served his country in the Special Forces Airborne, Louisiana National Guard, for six years;

**WHEREAS**, he practiced law for ten years with the firm of Tucker, Martin, Holder, Jeter, Jackson, & Victory;

**WHEREAS**, he lived a life of judicial service, being one of only a handful of state judges in recent history to serve at each level of the judiciary;

**WHEREAS**, he was elected to the First Judicial District Court in Caddo Parish in 1982, where he was ranked first among Caddo Parish district judges in a newspaper poll of attorneys;

**WHEREAS**, he served on the Louisiana Court of Appeal, Second Circuit from 1991 until he took his seat on the Louisiana Supreme Court in 1995;

**WHEREAS**, throughout his career, Justice Victory advocated for higher ethical and professional standards for judges and lawyers, as he lectured regularly on judicial ethics to the legal community, and chaired the Judicial College of the Louisiana Supreme Court;

**WHEREAS**, he was a charter member of the Louisiana Sentencing Commission, which made sentencing recommendations to the Louisiana Legislature and the Governor;

**WHEREAS**, In 2014, he received the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Institute for Legal Reform's Judicial Achievement award and the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Louisiana Family Forum;

**WHEREAS**, his career reflected one of carefully reasoned opinions, unquestioned integrity, and humility with a judicial philosophy to discuss all sides of an issue in detail, with the innate skill of finding the weakness in any legal argument;

**WHEREAS**, he is survived by his beloved wife, Nancy Clark Victory; sisters, Jennifer Victory, Frances Schenkkan, and Ellen Bell; children, Paul Bradford Victory and wife, Michelle, and their daughters, Madilynn and Elizabeth; William Peter Victory; Christopher Thomas Victory; Mary Kathryn Victory, and her sons, Jameson Walters and Prescott Walters as well as numerous nieces and nephews;

**WHEREAS**, he was preceded in death by his parents, his brother, Stephen Victory, and sisters, Sallie McKenzie and Sharon McGowan;

**WHEREAS**, he will be remembered for his legacy of service and dedication to the legal community, the judiciary, his friends, and his family; and

**WHEREAS**, Louisiana owes a debt of gratitude to his many contributions to our state.

**NOW THEREFORE, I, JEFF LANDRY**, Governor of the State of Louisiana, by virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution and laws of the State of Louisiana, do hereby order and direct as follows:

Section 1: As an expression of respect and to honor Justice Jeffrey P. Victory, the flags of the United States and the State of Louisiana shall be flown at half-staff over the State Capitol and all state buildings from sunrise until sunset on October 1, 2024.

Section 2: This Order is effective upon signature and shall remain in effect until sunset, October 1, 2024.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of Louisiana on this 30<sup>th</sup> day of September 2024.

Jeff Landry  
GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA

ATTEST BY THE  
SECRETARY OF STATE

Nancy Landry  
SECRETARY OF STATE