

A CIVIL AND TRUE GENTLEMAN

In 1968, when Judge Holloway was appointed and confirmed as the newest judge on the United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit, opinions were prepared on typewriters and circulated within a judge's chambers by hard copy. It would be ten long years until computers, word processors, and fax machines would change the landscape and ease the process of creating an error-free opinion ready for release and publication. Even twenty years later, during my clerkship in 1988, hard copies of opinions were still circulated for review and comment in Judge Holloway's chambers. From those early days until the end of his faithful and long-time service, Judge Holloway was driven to get things right and impart equity.

My time with Judge Holloway was short. During the first few months of 1988, he employed me as the "Assistant Librarian CALR." While the acronym "CALR" translates to "computer-assisted legal research," computers and access to commercial legal databases had not yet reached every desk in the Tenth Circuit. Judge Holloway explained on the first day of work: "Mr. Hicks, as the Chief Judge, I need a fourth law clerk, but they will not authorize another position. So I have decided to hire you as a librarian in name only. You will work as a clerk, and whenever anyone inquires, I will tell them that you were employed as one of my judicial law clerks." True to his word, whenever anyone inquired, Judge Holloway would respond that I served as one of his law clerks and that my character was "above reproach."

Once or twice a month on Friday afternoon, Judge Holloway would assemble the law clerks in the library, and each of us would update the looseleaf publications with the latest advance sheets. The time served Judge Holloway's purposes well, because not only were the pocket parts and looseleaf services kept up-to-date, but members of his office became better acquainted by engaging each other and discussing the issues presented in cases pending on the Judge's docket.

Clerks who chose to work on Saturday would be surprised with the choice of a "frankfurter" or "tuna" that Judge Holloway would offer as a

reward for their extra effort. To be sure that the clerks ate a balanced meal, he would also provide the choice of a Fudgsicle, Creamsicle, or frozen fruit bar. Working at least a half day on Saturday became the norm during my time with Judge Holloway.

Judge Holloway was civil and a true gentleman in a time when civility was not always recognized as a desirable trait among lawyers. His quiet and unflappable manner would cause you to shake your head in disbelief when others told you that he was a two-time state high school debate champion whose partner was William J. Crowe (who went on to become a United States Navy Admiral and who served as Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff under two Presidents). Each new revelation about Judge Holloway increased your respect for his broad range of experience and knowledge. Even if you met Judge Holloway only once, he would always remember your name and ask about you—as well as the well-being of your spouse—by name. More than any other quality, he was always there; that is, he was persistent, adaptable, and present.

The volume of cases in which he took part is staggering. When invited into Judge Holloway's office, one found shelves of the Federal Reporter to his immediate right, and on his left, the corresponding shelves held row after row of three-ring binders containing copies of opinions Judge Holloway authored for the court over the years.

Every year, the Oklahoma City Federal Bar Association hosts the "William J. Holloway, Jr. Lecture" as a tribute to Judge Holloway and his life-long judicial service. Each year, the Association also awards scholarships in honor of Judge Holloway to law students who demonstrate a commitment to civility, professionalism, academic excellence, and community involvement. Judge Holloway truly embodied each of these attributes. Judge Holloway was a quiet gentleman, a good friend, a faithful jurist, and a true professional.

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