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**Wright Alumnus Judge Gerald Bender
Wins ICCTA Distinguished Alumnus Awards**

THE CHANCELLOR

REPORTS that Wilbur Wright College alumnus Gerald Bender received the Illinois Community College Trustees Association Distinguished Alumnus Award June 17 in Chicago. Bender is currently a judge in the Domestic Relations Division of the Circuit Court of Cook County. Bender graduated from Wright College in 1958.

that Bender, the son of Polish immigrants, attended Wright College due to his father's influence. While attending Wright, Bender was a member of the Wrestling team. He completed his undergraduate education at Roosevelt University and subsequently enrolled in John Marshall Law School.

that Judge Bender's legal career includes 25 years in private practice, 20 years as Nazi hunter Simon Wiesenthal's pro bono attorney, and was elected to the Circuit Court of Cook County in 1996. He serves as President of the Jewish Judges Association of Illinois, and is a member of the Board of Directors of the Holocaust Memorial Foundation of Illinois, the John Marshall Law School Alumni Association, and the Lincolnwood Jewish Congregation.

that Judge Bender also serves on the Wright College Community Advisory Council and was featured as a City College Champion by WYCC.

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne D. Watson
Chancellor

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