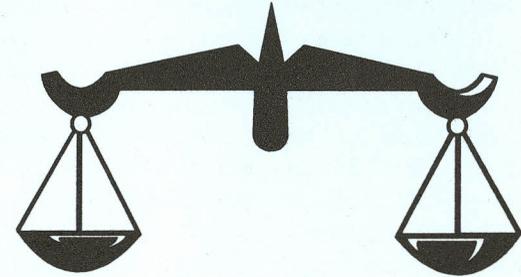


# Duane Benton

Chief Justice



Supreme Court of Missouri

**Zelda Martin  
Cozean  
Lecture Series**

Thursday, November 12, 1998  
Mineral Area College  
Community Center  
7:30 p.m.

# DUANE BENTON

Chief Justice of the Supreme Court

Duane Benton was born in Springfield on Sept. 8, 1950, and grew up in Mountain View, Willow Springs and Cape Girardeau. He is a 1972 graduate of Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois, graduating summa cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa. Benton received a law degree from Yale Law School in 1975, distinguishing himself as editor and managing editor of the Yale Law Journal. Selected as a Danforth fellow, he completed the Senior Executives Program at Harvard University, John F. Kennedy School of Government. He has also accomplished the post-graduate Appellate Judges Course at the Institute of Judicial Administration, New York University. He holds a master of laws degree from the University of Virginia, and an honorary doctor of laws from Central Missouri State University.

From 1975 to 1979, Chief Justice Benton served with the U.S. Navy as a judge advocate. While in the Navy, he attended Memphis State University at night, and earned a master's degree in business administration and accountancy. Benton became a certified public accountant in Missouri in 1983.

Before joining the Supreme Court, Benton practiced law as a private attorney in Jefferson City for six years. He was admitted to practice before the United States Supreme Court, United States Tax Court, United States Court of Military Appeals and all Missouri courts. From 1980 through 1982, Benton served as chief of staff to then-Congressman Wendell Bailey in the U.S. House of Representatives.

From 1989 to 1991, Benton served as director of the Missouri Department of Revenue. He also served on the Multi-

State Tax Commission with tax administrators from 32 other states, who elected him chair and as president of the Midwestern States Association of Tax Administrators.

Chief Justice Benton, a Vietnam veteran, still participates in the U.S. Naval Reserve, holding the rank of captain. He belongs to the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the American Legion, The Navy League, the Vietnam Veterans of America, the Military Order of the World Wars, and served on the Missouri Military Advisory Commission.

From 1987 through 1989, Benton was a member of the board of regents for Central Missouri State University. He has also served as chair of the board of trustees for the Missouri State Employees' Retirement System, the Missouri Commission on Intergovernmental Cooperation, the Council for Drug-Free Youth and as a director of the Jefferson City United Way.

A deacon and trustee of the First Baptist Church in Jefferson City, he is former counsel to the Missouri Baptist Convention.

Benton is a member of the American, Missouri and Cole County bar associations; American Institute of Certified Public Accountants; Missouri Society of Certified Public Accountants; Association of Government Accountants; National Society of Public Accountants; and Independent Accountants Society of Missouri.

Duane and his wife, Sandra, a registered nurse, have two children; Megan and Grant.

Chief Justice Benton was appointed to the Missouri Supreme Court on Aug. 16, 1991 and retained at the November 1992 election. His term expires Dec. 31, 2004.

## Zelda Martin Cozean Lecture Series

The Zelda Martin Cozean Lecture Series is a memorial tribute to Zelda Martin Cozean, a long-time resident of the Mineral Area. Mrs. Cozean strongly advocated the need for education and community service. The lecture series is sponsored by the Cozean family members: Dr. Charles H. Cozean, Jr. of Cape Girardeau, Missouri; Dr. Jon Cozean of Farmington, Missouri; Dr. Mary Cozean Alexander of Tallahassee, Florida; Nancy Cozean Jacob of Poughkeepsie, of New York; Robin Cozean of Neosho, Missouri; and, Jodie Cozean Styron of Branson, Missouri.

The Zelda Martin Cozean Lecture Series is designed to bring prominent lecturers to the Mineral Area College campus and to provide a platform for social, political and economic debate.

## PROGRAM

Welcome .....	Dr. Dixie A. Kohn, President Mineral Area College
Opening Remarks .....	Dennis E. McIntosh Mineral Area College Foundation
Guest Lecturer .....	Chief Justice Duane Benton Missouri Supreme Court