JEAN MURRELL CAPERS
1949-2008
C|M|LAW Dean Lee Fisher announced that Capers will be honored as the first inductee selected to the recently announced Cleveland-Marshall College of Law Hall of Fame. She will be inducted into the inaugural Hall of Fame class October 19, 2017, at the Hall of Fame Celebration.

"Judge Capers epitomized our motto, ‘Learn Law. Live Justice.’ She will always be a legendary role model for our students," said Dean Fisher.
Embraced by her father, Edward E. Murrell (left) and her husband, Clifford E. Capers (right), Mrs. Jean Murrell Capers registers joy at having defeated incumbent Augustus G. Parker in the 11th Ward Councilmanic race. Mrs. Capers, in addition to being the only woman of her race to sit in Cleveland’s City Council is also the first Democrat ever to be elected to the post from the once rock-ribbed Republican ward.
In 1949 Soror Capers became the first African-American woman elected to Cleveland City Council.

From 1960 to 1964, Capers was an assistant Attorney General.

Did you know?

• Eugenia Mae Murrell Capers was born in Kentucky

• She received an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from Case Western Reserve University School of Law in 2009. Although considered too old for the bench, Capers continued in the practice of law until 2011.
Did you know?