## RETIRED MEN'S ASSOCIATION OF GREENWICH, Inc. (RMA) invites you to attend its meeting, on <u>Wednesday</u>, <u>Nov. 5, 2014</u>. First Presbyterian Church, Lafayette Place, Greenwich, CT. JUDGE ALAN NEVAS

## TALES FROM THE BENCH—THREE OF MY MOST INTERESTING CASES



The Book of Deuteronomy (12:18-20) summons us to "appoint judges and officials for your tribes . . . and they shall govern the people with due justice...justice, justice, shall you pursue." Whatever system of law may exist in a society, it will come to naught without fair and impartial judges, for it is they who must apply the law consistently and equitably.

Judge Alan Nevas, a retired United States District Court Judge, was appointed in 1985 by Ronald Reagan to the United States District Court

for the District of Connecticut. During his years on the bench, Judge Nevas presided over a wide range of civil cases, both jury and non jury. He also presided over numerous major criminal trials involving white collar offenses, organized crime, public corruption, and large scale drug distribution rings. During his tenure on the bench, Judge Nevas served as a member of the Board of Directors and then as President of the Federal Judges Association. He retired in 2009 and, immediately following the fatal explosion of the Kleen Energy natural gas facility in Middletown, Connecticut, on February 7, 2010, Governor M. Jodi Rell appointed Judge Nevas to chair a panel to investigate the cause of the explosion and make recommendations as to preventative measures. He also was appointed to chair the committee that will allocate \$7.7 million in funds to families impacted by the Sandy Hook Elementary School mass murder in Newtown.

Prior to his judicial career, Judge Nevas served as U.S. Attorney for the District of Connecticut. He also served as the elected State Representative from Westport in the Connecticut General Assembly, and in his second and third terms served in turn as Deputy House Majority and Deputy House Minority Leader. In 1976, he was named one of the Ten Most Outstanding Members of the Connecticut General Assembly in a poll of the Assembly's membership conducted by Connecticut Magazine.

Judge Nevas is currently special counsel to Levett Rockwood, P.C. in Westport, where he serves as an arbitrator and mediator in a broad range of commercial disputes, and also counsels clients on complex litigation and pre-litigation strategy issues. He is a Life Fellow of the American and Connecticut Bar Foundations and an Honoree of the Connecticut Branch of the Federal Bar Council of New York and Connecticut. He received his B.A. from Syracuse University and his LL.B. from the New York University School of Law. Judge Nevas and his wife reside in Westport, Connecticut.

Our business meetings begin at 10, and our speakers are scheduled for 10:30. No Charge, and No Reservations are required. For additional information, call Bernard Schneider, 203-698-2558;bgsesq@gmail.com. See our website greenwichrma.org.