



OBJECT ID	1993.43.2
OBJECT NAME	Plaque
OBJECT COLLECTION	Eugenia Pilafas Collection (is part of)
DATE CREATED	1971
MATERIAL	Bronze; Wood
OBJECT ENTITIES	Chelos, James (owned by) Pilafas, Eugenia (collected by)
RELATED ITEMS	Gavel, 1993.43.3 Photograph, 1993.43.4 Plaque, 1993.43.5 Medal, Commemorative, 1993.43.6 Photograph, 1993.43.7 Photograph, 1993.43.9 Photograph, 1993.43.11 Medal, 1993.43.12 Nameplate, 1993.43.13
ACCESS POINTS	Hellenic Bar Association Plaques, plaquettes

OBJECT DESCRIPTION

Wooden plaque honoring Judge James K. Chelos for distinguished service to the community. The wood is finished and a metal plate is nailed into the center of it. This plate is a dark brown color with a bronze border. Engraved into this plate is an image of an evenly tipped scale, which is a symbol of law. The award was given to Mr. Chelos by the Hellenic Bar Association of Illinois. The award is dated February 6, 1971. Underneath the writing which identifies Mr. Chelos as a recipient of this award is a golden gavel which has been attached to the plaque. The back side of the plaque is two-toned, and there are the backsides of screws which have been used to attach the gavel.

ORIGIN

Admitted into the bar in 1930, James Chelos served as a lawer in Chicago until 1952, when he was elected to judgeship in Cook County. This made him the first Greek judge in Illinois. Chelos was also a founding member of the Hellenic Bar Association of Illinois. The HBA is an organization which was founded in 1951 by Greek immigrants who had become lawyers. The organization stressed unity and community service among its lawyers. The organization still exists today.

CITATION

Plaque, 1971, Eugenia Pilafas Collection, *National Hellenic Museum*, https://collections.nationalhellenicmuseum.org/Detail/objects/. Accessed 11/10/26.