



OBJECT ID	1993.43.13
OBJECT NAME	Nameplate
OBJECT COLLECTION	Eugenia Pilafas Collection (is part of)
MATERIAL	Metal; Wood
OBJECT ENTITIES	Chelos, James (owned by) Chelos, James (is related to) Pilafas, Eugenia (is related to)
RELATED ITEMS	Plaque, 1993.43.2 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
ACCESS POINTS	Judges Nameplates (Plaques)

OBJECT DESCRIPTION

Triangular metal nameplate which bears the name of Judge James K. Chelos. His name is etched in gold letters which appear against a black background. The rest of the block is made of wood of a dark mahogany color. The wood has been finished. A green felt pad is glued to the bottom so that the nameplate does not scratch surfaces that it sits on. This likely would have appeared at Judge Chelos' judge stand in trials. It also may have appeared on his desk in his office.

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

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