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OBJECT NAME	Photograph
OBJECT ENTITIES	Studios, Van (created by)
ACCESS POINTS	black and white cardboard Municipal Court Judge Photographic Print portrait Robes Tie

#### OBJECT DESCRIPTION

Formal portrait (shoulders and up) of James K. Chelos, the first Greek-American Judge. Photograph is in black and white and has been matted to cardboard. He wears a tie and robes.

#### ORIGIN

Born in Tripolis, Greece. Attended grammar and high school there and immigrated to the US in 1912. He graduated from the Chicago Law School, in Chicago, IL and was admitted to the Bar in June 1932 and engaged in the general practice of law in Chicago.

In 1933 he was appointed Assistant Corporation Counsel for the City of Chicago and held that position for over 19 years. He was elected an Associate Judge of the Municipal Court of Chicago in Nov. 1952 and 1958. He was elected an Associate Judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County in 1964. He was not only the first Greek-American judge, but the first Greek-American to be elected to public office.

#### CITATION

Photograph, *National Hellenic Museum*, <https://collections.nationalhellenicmuseum.org/Detail/objects/>. Accessed 12/19/25.