

Fiok Albert Aladár

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## Illness Fatal To Judge Fiok

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Judge Albert A. Fiok, who served 13 years on the Allegheny County Common Pleas bench, is dead at the age of 62.

Fiok suffered a heart attack Nov. 25 as he prepared for court, but had later been released from the hospital. He was readmitted over the weekend to St. Francis Hospital, where he died Monday.

A graduate of the University of Pittsburgh Law School, Fiok served as an assistant district attorney from 1952 to 1956. He was first appointed to the bench in 1963 by Gov. William Scranton and won two subsequent elections.

He spent most of the past seven years in the court's criminal division and developed a reputation as a "no nonsense" judge who doled out tough sentences.

After a disruptive trial of three prisoners who held prison guards in an attempt to escape, he not only handed down sentences of 15 to 20 on conviction, he also sentenced them to at least 26 years each for contempt of court.

As a private attorney in 1949, Fiok argued an appeal case before the U.S. Supreme Court that eventually led to a state law requiring legal representation for any criminal defendant.

Fiok argued successfully that the convicted burglar had been prosecuted without the benefit of counsel.

Last year, Fiok was the first judge to receive a death penalty verdict from a jury under the state's newly reinstated capital punishment law. Final sentencing in the case never occurred because of his illness.

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