

# WILL HOWARD FOR JUDGE



## TALBOT COUNTY ORPHAN'S COURT

**"I believe in treating, with dignity,  
each person as an individual." Will Howard**

William James Howard, a native of Easton, Maryland, has spent a lifetime developing knowledge and expertise across an array of different areas, accomplishing feats of business, preservation, and charity in the process.

In 1993 Will Howard was appointed by the Governor and approved by the Senate to be the people's representative of the 3-member Subsequent Injury Fund reviewing appeals from Workman's Compensation. John L. Ulrich, Director, said "Mr. Howard was greatly admired by this agency for his dedication and it is with the utmost confidence that we strongly recommend Mr. Howard for consideration in any public endeavor he chooses to undertake." With the help of many others who wanted to preserve Easton's historic district, Howard helped save the Avalon Theatre from being turned into a parking lot, buying it in 1986 and completing restoration in 1988, eventually opening three restaurants in the building. Utilizing his media and business skills with the support of local businesses, he was able to organize several community projects over the years including Operation Christmas serving and delivering hundreds of dinners, coats, groceries to needy families on Christmas since 1981; Habitat for Humanity's building of two houses in two days; Operation Safe Home, installing 1,000 smoke detectors in 5 counties utilizing all fire departments and volunteers in one day; writing a series of 7 exposés published on the front page of the *Star Democrat* in 1996 on substandard housing (nominated for a Pulitzer Prize) which led to Talbot's housing initiative; producing a video that brought attention and eventually running water to the community of Chester Park; and the installation of Automated External Defibrillators to over 100 local businesses, among other initiatives. He also was chairman of the founding of Easton's Community Pool. You can learn about these projects and more at [WillHoward.net](http://WillHoward.net).



*Will Howard co-founded "Operation Christmas Spirit" in 1981 now serving over 1,000 dinners on Christmas Day.*

## Experience and Associations:

**Visitors TV Network, President** – Discovery Tours LLC, produces tourism documentaries with dominant hotel market share in Atlanta, Baltimore, Boston, Nashville, Savannah, Washington D.C. and more. [www.tourvideo.com](http://www.tourvideo.com).

**Howard Equities Co. Inc, President** – 1984 - present, restoration of the Avalon Theatre 1986 - 88, Easton Bowl 1958 - present. Developed and operated restaurants in the restored Avalon Theatre including Chambers, Legal Spirits, and Cecile's, which was awarded four star ratings by *The Baltimore Sun* in 1988 and 1989.

**Journalism** – University correspondent, Associated Press 1967 - 1968 during anti-war riots, photojournalist for WBAL-TV Baltimore 1967, *News American* Staff Writer 1969-1973, promoted to Columnist for Downtown Baltimore called "Man About Town" 1973, contributing writer for *Chesapeake Publishing* 1973 - 1997. Nominated for Pulitzer for 7-part series on substandard housing for *The Star Democrat* 1997.

**Comtex News Network, Director** – Prominent news aggregator 2003 - present.

**Talbot Paramedic Foundation Inc., President** – Provided support for paramedic services in Talbot County, 25 years.

**Talbot County Habitat for Humanity, Director, Chairman of Operations** – Committee to house and feed 200 volunteers building 2 houses in 2 days 1995.

**George Murphy Community Pool, Chairman** – Organized effort to construct the Easton Community pool 1995.

**Hadron Inc., Director** – A Fairfax, VA formerly publicly traded company (HDRN), specializing in secure communications and computer software for U.S. government security agencies and the private sector, with \$20 million in annual sales. Top Secret Security Clearance 1988 - 2000.

**Talbot Philanthropies Inc., Founder & President** – Coordinated air show fundraisers for charities with attendance of 10,000. Air show in 1984 featured a fly-over of the Space Shuttle Enterprise atop NASA 747 aircraft.

**Baltimore Symphony Orchestra, Narrator** – Children's Concert Committee, solo narrator of Tchaikovsky's "Peter and The Wolf" and "1812 Overture" at Merriweather Post Pavilion with U. S. Army cannons 1971, 1972.

## Honors:

**Seven Governor's Citations from five Maryland Governors** – 1983, 1991, two in 1994, 1995, 2005, 2008.

**Gubernatorial Appointment, approved by Maryland Senate** – Subsequent Injury Fund, 1993-1995.

**3 Citations, Maryland Senate** – 2005, two in 2008.

**3 Citations, Maryland House of Delegates** – 1991, 1995, 2008.

**Talbot County Council Commendations** – Community Service, 1991-1992.

**Talbot County Chamber of Commerce Small Business of the Year Award** – Chambers Restaurant, 1986.

**William Howard** graduated with a bachelor's degree from the University of Maryland, College Park in 1972. He and his wife, Dorothy, have 3 daughters, Healy, Katie, and Tracy; and a son, James. He enjoys producing original programming for the Mid Shore local cable access network called "Man About Town."