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# **A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS**

## **District Overview**

The Northern District of Texas is made up of 100 of the 254 counties in Texas. It is a unique district that is full of contrasts. Rockwall County near Dallas, the state's smallest county in land area, also is currently the state's fastest growing county and the nation's third fastest growing county.<sup>1</sup> Loving County near Wichita Falls is the nation's smallest county in population (population sixty-two),<sup>2</sup> while the combined populations of Dallas County and Tarrant County make Dallas/Fort Worth one of the largest metropolitan areas in the nation.<sup>3</sup> Additionally, thirteen of Texas' twenty-five most populous cities are located in the Northern District of Texas.<sup>4</sup>

Geographically, the district encompasses more than 96,000 square miles, making it the largest land area district in the country except for districts that encompass an entire state. The land area covers more square miles than the states of Virginia, West Virginia, Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, Massachusetts, and Connecticut combined.<sup>5</sup>

Nineteen of the nation's Fortune 500 companies are headquartered in the Dallas/Fort Worth metroplex, more than any metropolitan area other than New York and Houston. Corporate giants such as Exxon Mobil, AMR, Kimberly-Clark, D.R. Horton, Texas Instruments, Fluor, and Burlington Northern Santa Fe make their headquarters in the Northern District.<sup>6</sup>

The district's civil caseload reflects the make-up of the district. Contracts, intellectual property, civil rights, tort, and labor cases are the five most numerous categories. "White collar" crimes made up the largest category of criminal filings for many years (e.g., fraud, forgery, and counterfeiting). Those categories have been surpassed in recent years, however, by firearms, immigration, and drug cases.<sup>7</sup>

## **A Brief History**

The Northern District of Texas' beginnings go back to the late 1800's. When Texas first joined the Union in 1845, the state was organized as one federal judicial district with court held at Galveston.<sup>8</sup> The first district judge was John C. Watrous. In 1857, Congress divided Texas into two judicial districts—Eastern and Western—with one authorized judgeship for each district.<sup>9</sup>

The Northern District was established as the third judicial district in Texas on February 24, 1879, with three divisional offices and one judge. The divisional offices were located at Dallas, Graham, and Waco.<sup>10</sup>

The district's first judge, Andrew Phelps McCormick, received his commission on April 10, 1879, and Judge McCormick appointed the first clerk of court, John Hollingsworth Finks, on May 23, 1879. Judge McCormick settled with his family in Dallas because it was the largest town in the district, and he thought most of the

court's business would be done in that division.<sup>11</sup> Clerk John Finks worked out of the Waco division, and deputy clerk and commissioner Francis ("Frank") Washington Girand (who was also Judge McCormick's cousin) served as deputy in charge of the Graham division. Andrew J. Houston, grandson of Texas legend Sam Houston, served as deputy in charge of the Dallas division.

After living in Dallas for approximately four years, Judge McCormick moved to Graham. In Graham, court was held on the second floor of the Knights of Pythias Building on Oak Street over the Ryus Drug Store.<sup>12</sup> The building still stands today, as does Judge McCormick's house.<sup>13</sup>



***First Place of Holding Court in Graham***  
*608 Oak Street*



***McCormick House in Graham***  
*710 Cherry Street*

Judge McCormick continued to reside in Graham until 1890 when he moved back to Dallas. In 1896, the work of the Graham division was transferred to Abilene. That same year, the Fort Worth and San Angelo divisions were established.<sup>14</sup>

On March 11, 1902, a fourth district was established in Texas, the Southern District, and the Waco division was transferred from the Northern District to the Western District of Texas.<sup>15</sup> The Northern District then consisted of the Abilene, Dallas, Fort Worth, and San Angelo divisions.

The Amarillo division was established on February 14, 1908,<sup>16</sup> and the Wichita Falls division was established on February 26, 1917.<sup>17</sup> Finally, the Lubbock division was established in the Northern District of Texas on May 26, 1928.<sup>18</sup>

### **The Court Today**

From its humble beginnings, the Northern District of Texas has grown to seven divisions with fifteen judges (twelve active judgeships). Of the thirty-three judges who have served in the Northern District of Texas, seventeen of them — more than half — are still living. Twelve are active judges, three are senior judges, one is a senior judge on the court of appeals, and one is in private practice.

Many of the judges were well known in politics or in public service prior to their appointment to the federal bench. Of the current district judges, eleven held public office before being appointed to the federal bench and four were partners in major law firms. The following chart shows some of the positions held by the current district judges.

<i>District Judge</i>	<i>Positions Held</i>
Boyle, Jane J.	U.S. Attorney; U.S. Magistrate Judge; Assistant U.S. Attorney; Dallas County Assistant District Attorney
Buchmeyer, Jerry	Major Law Firm Partner (Thompson & Knight)
Cummings, Sam R.	Major Law Firm Partner (Culton, Morgan, Britain & White)
Fish, A. Joe	State District Judge; State Appellate Justice
Fitzwater, Sidney A.	State District Judge
Godbey, David C.	State District Judge; Presiding Civil District Judge; Local Administrative District Judge
Kinkeade, Ed	County Court Judge; State District Judge; State Appellate Justice
Lindsay, Sam A.	Dallas City Attorney
Lynn, Barbara M.G.	Major Law Firm Partner (Carrington, Coleman, Sloman & Blumenthal, LLP)
Maloney, Robert B.	State Appellate Justice; Texas House of Representatives; Dallas County Assistant District Attorney
McBryde, John H.	Major Law Firm Partner (predecessor to Cantey Hanger, then McBryde & Bennett, and predecessor firms)
Means, Terry R.	State Appellate Justice
Robinson, Mary Lou	County Court Judge; State District Judge; State Appellate Justice; Chief Appellate Justice
Sanders, H. Barefoot	Legislative Counsel to President Lyndon B. Johnson; Assistant Attorney General; Assistant Deputy Attorney General; U.S. Attorney; Texas House of Representatives
Solis, Jorge A.	State District Judge; Taylor County District Attorney; Taylor County Assistant District Attorney

Highly respected magistrate judges have served the court for many years. Of the current magistrate judges, six held public office before being selected as magistrate judges. The chart below shows some of the public positions held by the current magistrate judges.

<i>Magistrate Judge</i>	<i>Positions Held</i>
Averitte, Clinton E.	Assistant Texas Attorney General; Assistant U.S. Attorney; Lubbock County Assistant District Attorney
Bleil, Charles	State District Judge; State Appellate Justice
Kaplan, Jeff	Law Clerk for the Fifth Court of Appeals in Dallas; State Appellate Justice
Koenig, Nancy M.	Law Clerk to Judge Halbert O. Woodward; Assistant U.S. Attorney
Roach, Robert K.	Law Clerk to Judge Halbert O. Woodward
Ramirez, Irma C.	Assistant U.S. Attorney
Sanderson, Wm. F., Jr.	Assistant U.S. Attorney
Stickney, Paul D.	Assistant Federal Public Defender

## Significant Events

Judges in the Northern District of Texas have been involved in many cases and events of historical significance. One of the most publicized cases in the early days of the court involved an attempted lynching of five federal prisoners known as “the Marlow brothers,” who were being held on charges of larceny. The brothers were attacked while being transported in federal custody from Graham to Weatherford, and two of the five were killed. The case ultimately ended up in the Supreme Court.<sup>19</sup> In more recent times, the assassination of President John F. Kennedy in Dallas put Judge Sarah T. Hughes in the media spotlight. The diminutive Judge Hughes administered the oath of office to then Vice-President Lyndon B. Johnson on Air Force One at Love Field Airport. Judge Hughes was the first, and currently the only, female to ever administer the oath of office to a United States president.

The case of *Roe v. Wade*, filed in Dallas in 1970, is perhaps the most nationally-recognized case that originated in the Northern District.<sup>20</sup> School desegregation cases in Dallas and Fort Worth garnered years of media attention beginning in the 1970s. The decade of the 1980s brought a plethora of fraud cases involving financial institutions to the Northern District of Texas. High profile cases in the 1990s involved entertainment and media personalities as diverse as Barney the purple dinosaur, Oprah Winfrey, and televangelist Robert Tilton. In 1995, the first death sentence in the nation under the Federal Death Penalty Act of 1994 was handed down in the Fort Worth division. Post September 11, 2001, several high profile criminal cases against alleged supporters of terrorism were prosecuted in the Northern District of Texas.<sup>21</sup>

## Interesting Facts

Of the thirty-three judges who have served on the United States District Court for the Northern District, nineteen were appointed by Republican presidents and fourteen by Democrat presidents. Presidents George H.W. Bush, Ronald Reagan and Jimmy Carter each appointed four judges. Presidents Richard M. Nixon and George W. Bush each appointed three, and Presidents William J. Clinton, Lyndon B. Johnson, and John F. Kennedy each appointed two. Presidents Gerald Ford, Dwight D. Eisenhower, Harry S. Truman, Franklin D. Roosevelt, William G. Harding, Woodrow Wilson, William McKinley, Benjamin Harrison, and Rutherford B. Hayes each appointed one.

The Northern District had all male judges until October 1961, when Sarah T. Hughes was appointed to sit at Dallas. Judge Hughes was the first female federal district judge in Texas. In April 1979, Mary Lou Robinson was appointed to sit at Amarillo. Barbara M.G. Lynn was appointed in January 2000, and Jane J. Boyle was appointed in June 2004, both to Dallas seats. Jorge Solis was the first Hispanic judge appointed in the Northern District of Texas. He was appointed in September 1991. Sam A. Lindsay was the first African-American judge appointed in the Northern District of Texas. He was appointed in September 1998.

Judge Edward R. Meeks served the longest of any judge in the Northern District of Texas. He was appointed in 1898 by President William McKinley at the age of thirty-two, and he assumed senior status in 1936 after thirty-six years and five months of service. The judge with the shortest tenure was Judge John B. Rector who served from 1892 until his death in April 1898.

The oldest judge at the time of appointment was Judge Sarah T. Hughes who was sixty-five. The youngest judges at the time of appointment were Judge Sidney A. Fitzwater and Judge Edward R. Meek who were each thirty-two. Judge Fitzwater was thirty-two and six months and Judge Meek was thirty-two and seven months. As of October 2007, the average age of judges at the time of appointment was forty-nine.

Fifteen of the thirty-three judges graduated from the University of Texas School of Law, four graduated from Baylor University School of Law and four graduated from Southern Methodist University School of Law. Of the remaining judges, one graduated from each of the following law schools: George Washington University, Harvard, State University of Iowa, University of Alabama, University of Michigan, and Yale. Four of the judges read law and did not graduate from law school.

Twenty of the thirty-three district judges were born in Texas, two were born in Alabama, and two were born in Maryland. Of the remaining judges, one was born in each of the following states: California, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Mississippi, New Mexico, New York, Pennsylvania, and Wisconsin.

Two of the district judges served in the Civil War — Judges McCormick and Rector — and six served in World War II — Judges Belew, Porter, Woodward, Mahon, Taylor, and Estes.

# FIRSTS . . . .

## IN THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS

- District Judge .....Andrew P. McCormick, 1879-1892
- District Clerk .....John H. Finks, 1879-1906
- Chief Probation Officer .....John Alderman, 1932-1950
- Chief Judge .....William H. Atwell, 1948-1954
- Female District Judge .....Sarah T. Hughes, 1961-1985
- Hispanic District Judge.....Jorge A. Solis, 1991-present
- African-American District Judge .....Sam A. Lindsay, 1998-present



*Judge Sarah T. Hughes was the first female federal district judge in the entire state of Texas.*



*Judge Hughes administers the oath of office to President Lyndon B. Johnson aboard Air Force One on November 22, 1963.*

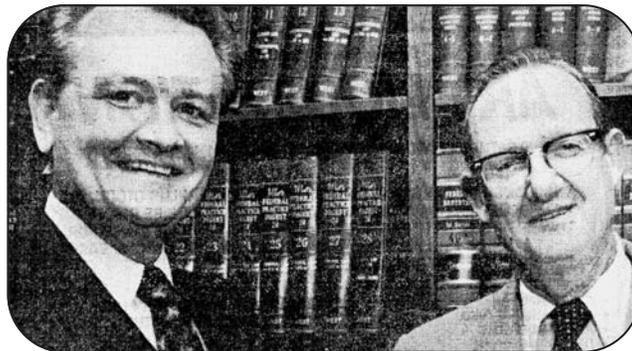


*Judge Sam A. Lindsay is greeted in the Oval Office by President William J. Clinton in January 1999.*

# FIRSTS . . . .

## IN THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS

Magistrate Judge (full-time)<sup>22</sup>..... Patrick H. Mulloy, Jr., 1971-1979  
and Bailey F. Rankin, 1971-1979



U.S. Marshal ..... A.B. Norton, 1879-1882  
U.S. Attorney..... Fred W. Miner, 1879-1883



Federal Public Defender..... Ira Kirkendoll, 1989-2006



# FIRSTS . . . .

## IN THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS

*First Courthouse Named In Honor of a Judge in the Northern District of Texas*

**ELDON B. MAHON**  
**UNITED STATES COURTHOUSE**



Judge Eldon B. Mahon, born in Loraine, Texas on April 9, 1918, entered public service at the federal level in 1968 when president Lyndon B. Johnson appointed him U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of Texas. In 1972, he was appointed U.S. District Judge for the Northern District of Texas by President Richard M. Nixon. Judge Mahon took senior status in 1989, but continued to be an active member of the Court until his retirement in 2002.

In his 30 years on the federal bench, Judge Mahon presided over many cases involving the most significant social and political issues in North Texas. His rulings altered the methods for electing members of the Dallas City Council and the Fort Worth School Board. His proudest accomplishment was overseeing racial integration of the Fort Worth School District, an endeavor that took 19 years.

*Very Special Term, Friday, May 23, 1879*

Commission of  
of  
of

*Rutherford B. Hayes*  
President of the United States of America

To all who shall see these presents, greeting.

Most Sir: That representing special trust and confidence in the wisdom, upright trust and learning of Andrew P. McCormick of Texas I have nominated, and by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, do appoint him to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Texas; and do authorize and empower him to execute and fulfil the duties of that office according to the constitution and laws of the said United States; and to have and to hold the said office, with all the powers, privileges and emoluments to the same of right appertaining unto him, the said Andrew P. McCormick, during his good behavior.

In Testimony whereof, I have caused these letters to be made Patent and the seal of the United States to be hereunto affixed. Given under my hand at the City of Washington, the fifth day of April in the year of our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and Seventy nine<sup>th</sup> of the Independence of the United States of America the One hundred and third.

*A. B. Hayes*  
By the President

*A. N. Seaward*  
Acting Secretary of State

*First Court Record  
Northern District of Texas  
May 23, 1879*



# **SUCCESSION OF DISTRICT JUDGES OF THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS (1879—2007)**

The Northern District's first district judgeship was created in February 1879. In February 1898, a temporary judgeship was authorized for the Northern District, with the provision that any vacancy in the existing judgeship would not be filled. In February 1919, one additional judgeship was authorized for the Northern District. Another temporary judgeship was authorized in September 1922. This temporary judgeship was made permanent in August 1935. In May 1961, two new judgeships were created for the Northern District. One additional judgeship was authorized in June 1970. In October 1978, three new judgeships were created for the Northern District, and in July 1984, one additional judgeship was authorized. The last two new district judgeships for the Northern District were authorized in December 1990, bringing the total number of active district judges in the Northern District to twelve.

The Constitution gives Congress the power to create federal courts—other than the Supreme Court—and to decide how many judges there will be and where their duty stations will be. Each statute establishing a district judgeship in the Northern District of Texas is listed below, followed by the name of each judge who has held or holds the judgeship established by that statute.

## **ACT OF FEB. 24, 1879, 20 STAT. 318**

1. McCormick, Andrew P. (1879-1892)
2. Rector, John B. (1892-1898)

## **ACT OF FEB. 9, 1898, 30 STAT. 240**

1. Meek, Edward R. (1898-1935)
2. Davidson, T. Whitfield (1936-1965)
3. Taylor, William M., Jr. (1966-1979)
4. Buchmeyer, Jerry (1979-2003)
5. Boyle, Jane J. (2004-present)

## **ACT OF FEB. 26, 1919, 40 STAT. 1183**

1. Wilson, James C. (1919-1947)
2. Dooley, Joe B. (1947-1966)
3. Woodward, Halbert O. (1968-1986)
4. Cummings, Sam R. (1987-present)

**ACT OF SEPT. 14, 1922, 42 STAT. 837**

1. Atwell, William H. (1923-1954)
2. Estes, Joe Ewing (1955-1972)
3. Mahon, Eldon B. (1972-1989)
4. McBryde, John H. (1990-present)

**ACT OF MAY 19, 1961, 75 STAT. 80 (Two Judgeships)**

1. Hughes, Sarah T. (1961-1975)
2. Higginbotham, Patrick E. (1975-1982)
3. Fish, A. Joe (1983-present)

1. Brewster, Leo (1961-1973)
2. Porter, Robert W. (1974-1990)
3. Solis, Jorge A. (1991-present)

**ACT OF JUNE 2, 1970, 84 STAT. 294**

1. Hill, Robert M. (1970-1984)
2. Fitzwater, Sidney A. (1986-present)

**ACT OF OCT. 20, 1978, 92 STAT. 1629 (Three Judgeships)**

1. Belew, David O., Jr. (1979-1990)
  2. Means, Terry R. (1991-present)
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1. Sanders, H. Barefoot, Jr. (1979-1996)
  2. Lynn, Barbara M.G. (2000-present)
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1. Robinson, Mary Lou (1979-present)

**ACT OF JULY 10, 1984, 98 STAT. 333**

1. Maloney, Robert B. (1985-2000)
2. Godbey, David C. (2002-present)

**ACT OF DEC. 1, 1990, 104 STAT. 5089 (Two Judgeships)**

1. Kendall, Elton Joe (1992-2002)
  2. Kinkeade, James Edgar (2002-present)
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1. Lindsay, Sam A. (1998-present)

# **SUCCESSION OF MAGISTRATE JUDGES OF THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS (1971—2007)**

The Federal Magistrates Act of 1968 (82 Stat. 1107) created the office of United States magistrate to replace the office of United States commissioner and gave magistrates broad authority to assist district judges with judicial responsibilities. Subsequent legislation further increased the authority of the magistrate, and the Judicial Improvement Act of 1990 (104 Stat. 5089) formally changed the title of magistrate to magistrate judge.

The Judicial Conference of the United States determines the location and number of magistrate judge positions for each district. Magistrate judges are appointed by the district judges. Full-time magistrate judges serve eight year terms, and part-time magistrate judges serve four year terms and both may be reappointed for successive terms if approved by a majority of the district judges.

Each magistrate judge who has served in the Northern District of Texas is listed below.

## **ABILENE DIVISION (One Judgeship)**

1. Joanne Strauss, part-time (1971-1972)<sup>23</sup>
2. John W. Weeks, part-time (1980-1986)
3. Billy W. Boone, part-time (1987-2003)
4. Philip R. Lane (2003-present)

## **AMARILLO DIVISION (One Judgeship)**

1. Robert R. Sanders, part-time (1971-1987)
2. Clinton E. Averitte (1987-present)

## **DALLAS DIVISION (Four Judgeships)**

1. Bailey F. Rankin (1971-1979)
2. John B. Tolle (1979-1998)
3. Paul D. Stickney (1998-present)

1. Patrick Mulloy (1971-1979)
2. William F. Sanderson, Jr. (1979-present)

1. Jane J. Boyle (1990-2002)
2. Irma C. Ramirez (2002-present)

1. Jeff Kaplan (1994-present)

### **FORT WORTH DIVISION (One Judgeship)**

1. Alex H. McGlinchey (1975-1996)<sup>24</sup>
2. Charles M. Bleil (1996-present)

### **LUBBOCK DIVISION (One Judgeship)**

1. Bill H. Brister, part-time (1971-1984)
2. J.Q. Warnick, Jr. (1984-1998)
3. Nancy M. Koenig (1998-present)

### **SAN ANGELO DIVISION (One Part-time Judgeship until 2003)<sup>25</sup>**

1. Philip R. Lane, part-time (1971-2003)

### **WICHITA FALLS DIVISION (One Part-time Judgeship)**

1. Gene Richie, part-time (1971-1979)
2. Robert K. Roach, part-time (1980-present)

## SUCCESSION OF CHIEF JUDGES OF THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS

William H. Atwell .....	1948-1954
T. Whitfield Davidson.....	1954-1959
Joe B. Dooley.....	1959-1959
Joe Ewing Estes .....	1959-1972
Leo Brewster.....	1972-1973
William M. Taylor, Jr. ....	1973-1977
Halbert O. Woodward .....	1977-1986
Robert W. Porter .....	1986-1989
H. Barefoot Sanders, Jr. ....	1989-1995 <sup>26</sup>
Jerry Buchmeyer .....	1995-2002
Joe Fish .....	2002-present



*Judge Sanders (left) was the district's ninth chief judge, and Judge Buchmeyer (right) was the district's tenth chief judge. The two judges are celebrating Judge Buchmeyer's 74th birthday in 2007.*

## SUCCESSION OF CLERKS OF COURT OF THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS

John Hollingsworth Finks.....	1879-1906
John McBain .....	1906-1906
Louis C. Maynard .....	1906-1925
George W. Parker.....	1925-1956
John A. Lowther .....	1956-1965
Ramelle Hamilton .....	1965-1967
Bailey F. Rankin .....	1967-1971
Joseph McElroy, Jr.....	1971-1983
Nancy Doherty.....	1983-2000
Karen Mitchell .....	2000-present

## **BY THE NUMBERS: OFFICES HELD BY DISTRICT JUDGES**

- Three of the district judges appointed to the bench in the Northern District of Texas were elevated to the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals — Judges McCormick, Hill, and Higginbotham
- Five of the judges were previously United States attorneys — Judges Wilson, Atwell, Mahon, Sanders, and Boyle — and two were previously assistant United States attorneys — Judges Belew and Boyle
- One judge was legislative counsel to a president — Judge Sanders
- One judge was a United States congressman — Judge Wilson
- One judge was a United States magistrate judge — Judge Boyle
- Five judges were state appellate justices — Judges Robinson, Maloney, Fish, Means, and Kinkeade
- Twelve judges were state district judges — Judges McCormick, Rector, Hughes, Taylor, Mahon, Robinson, Fish, Fitzwater, Solis, Kendall, Godbey, and Kinkeade
- Three judges were county court judges — Judges McCormick, Robinson, and Kinkeade
- One judge was a Texas lieutenant governor — Judge Davidson
- Two judges served as Texas state senators — Judges McCormick and Davidson
- Three judges served as Texas state representatives — Judges Hughes, Sanders, and Maloney
- One judge was a Texas highway commissioner and chairman of the commission — Judge Woodward
- Four judges were district attorneys — Judges Rector, Wilson, Mahon, and Solis — and seven were assistant district attorneys — Judges Wilson, Brewster, Taylor, Maloney, Solis, Kendall, and Boyle
- One judge was a mayor — Judge Porter
- Two judges were city attorneys — Judges Davidson and Lindsay
- Three judges served as state bar presidents — Judges Davidson, Dooley, and Brewster

# NOTES

## District Overview

<sup>1</sup> Source: Population Division, U.S. Census Bureau, Release Date March 16, 2006, Table 9: Population Estimates for the 100 Fastest Growing U.S. Counties with 10,000 or More Population in 2005: April 1, 2000 to July 1, 2005.

<sup>2</sup> Source: Population Division, U.S. Census Bureau, Release Date: March 16, 2006, Table 1: Annual Estimates for the Population for Counties in Texas: April 1, 2000 to July 1, 2005.

<sup>3</sup> The Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) is fourth in the nation behind: (1) New York-Northern New Jersey-Long Island, NY-NJ-PA MSA; (2) Los Angeles-Long Beach-Santa Ana, CA MSA; and (3) Chicago-Naperville-Joliet, IL-IN-WI MSA. Source: Population Division, U.S. Census Bureau, Release Date: April 5, 2007, Table 5: Estimates of Population Change for Metropolitan Statistical Areas and Rankings: July 1, 2005 to July 1, 2006.

<sup>4</sup> These cities are: Abilene, Amarillo, Arlington, Carrollton, Dallas, Fort Worth, Garland, Grand Prairie, Irving, Lubbock, Mesquite, Richardson, and Wichita Falls. Source: U.S. Census Bureau: State and County QuickFacts, <http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/48/4879000.html> Last Revised: January 12, 2007.

<sup>5</sup> Only the single-district states of Alaska, Arizona, Colorado, Montana, New Mexico, and Wyoming have more land area. Source: FedStats, <http://www.fedstats.gov/qf/states/48000.html> Last Revised: January 17, 2007.

<sup>6</sup> The Fortune 500 companies headquartered in the Northern District of Texas are: Exxon Mobil (Irving), AMR (Fort Worth), Kimberly-Clark (Irving), D.R. Horton (Fort Worth), Texas Instruments (Dallas), Fluor (Irving), Burlington Northern Santa Fe (Fort Worth), Centex (Dallas), Dean Foods (Dallas), TXU (Dallas), Tenet Healthcare (Dallas), Southwest Airlines (Dallas), Commercial Metals (Irving), Energy Transfer Partners (Dallas), Celanese (Dallas), Blockbuster (Dallas), RadioShack (Fort Worth), Atmos Energy (Dallas), and Affiliated Computer Services, Inc. (Dallas). The list of top 1000 companies includes many others headquartered in the Dallas/Fort Worth metroplex such as Brinker International (Dallas), Neiman Marcus (Dallas), Michaels Stores (Irving), XTO Energy (Fort Worth), Lennox International (Richardson), Holly (Dallas), GameStop (Grapevine), Crosstex Energy (Dallas), Trinity Industries (Dallas), Sabre Holdings (Southlake), Pioneer Natural Resources (Irving), Zale (Irving), Builders FirstSource (Dallas), UICI (North Richland Hills), Texas Industries (Dallas), Pier 1 Imports (Fort Worth), Alliance Data Systems (Dallas), Belo (Dallas), and AmeriCredit (Fort Worth). Plano, which is adjacent to Dallas but in Collin County, is typically considered part of the Dallas/Fort Worth metroplex. It is headquarters for three additional Fortune 500 companies (Electronic Data Systems Corporation, J.C. Penney Company, Inc., and Triad Hospitals, Inc.). However, Collin County is in the Eastern District of Texas, so these companies are not included in the count. Source: CNNmoney.com Fortune 500 2006, <http://money.cnn.com/magazines/fortune/fortune500/states/T.html>.

<sup>7</sup> Source: Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts, Federal Court Management Statistics 2006 and Records of the Clerk of Court, U.S. District Court, Northern District of Texas.

## **A Brief History**

<sup>8</sup> Source: Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts, <http://www.uscourts.gov/history/tablej.html> and Act of December 29, 1845, 9 Stat. 1.

<sup>9</sup> Source: Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts, <http://www.uscourts.gov/history/tablej.html> and Act of February 21, 1857, 11 Stat. 164.

<sup>10</sup> Source: Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts, <http://www.uscourts.gov/history/tablej.html> and Act of February 24, 1879, 20 Stat. 318.

<sup>11</sup> *Dallas Morning News*, February 25, 1892.

<sup>12</sup> *Graham Centennial History* (Graham, Tex., Young County Historical Survey Committee, 1972), p. 12. The Graham division included the entire panhandle and stretched east to west from north central Texas (Jack and Palo Pinto Counties) to the border of New Mexico Territory (seventy-two counties in all). Source: Records of the U.S. District Clerk's Office.

<sup>13</sup> Photographs courtesy of Dorman Holub, Chair, Young County Historical Society.

<sup>14</sup> Source: Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts, <http://www.uscourts.gov/history/tablej.html> and Act of June 11, 1896, 29 Stat. 456.

<sup>15</sup> Source: Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts, <http://www.uscourts.gov/history/tablej.html> and Act of March 11, 1902, 32 Stat. 68.

<sup>16</sup> Source: Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts, <http://www.uscourts.gov/history/tablej.html> and Act of February 14, 1908, 35 Stat. 8.

<sup>17</sup> Source: Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts, <http://www.uscourts.gov/history/tablej.html> and Act of February 26, 1917, 39 Stat. 939.

<sup>18</sup> Source: Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts, <http://www.uscourts.gov/history/tablej.html> and Act of May 26, 1928, 45 Stat. 747.

## **Significant Events**

<sup>19</sup> *Logan v. United States*, 144 U.S. 263 (1892).

<sup>20</sup> 314 F. Supp. 1217 (1970). Magistrate Judge John B. Tolle, who was then an assistant district attorney, represented the defendant, District Attorney Henry Wade, in this case.

<sup>21</sup> Lyons Partnership LP, et al v. Moore; Texas Beef Group, et al v. Winfrey, et al; Northfield Insurance v. Robert Tilton; USA v. Holy Land Foundation for Relief and Development.

<sup>22</sup> Section 321 of the Judicial Improvements Act of 1990, P.L. 101-650, 104 Stat. 5089, effective December 1, 1990, recognized the expanded role of United States magistrates in the management and trial of civil cases. Congress amended federal statutes at that time to rename magistrates to magistrate judges.

<sup>23</sup> The Abilene division did not have a resident magistrate judge for approximately eight years between the terms of Joanne Strauss and John Weeks.

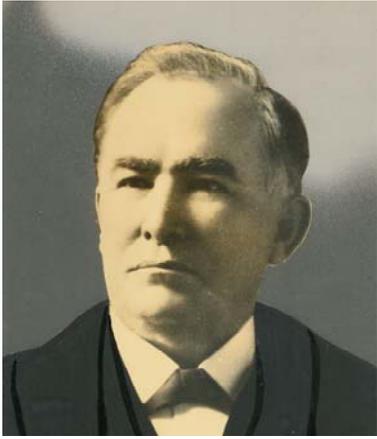
<sup>24</sup> Dallas division magistrates Patrick Mulloy and Bailey Rankin also served the Fort Worth division from 1971 until Alex McGlinchey was appointed in 1975.

<sup>25</sup> The part-time magistrate judge position at San Angelo and the part-time magistrate judge position at Abilene were merged in 2003 to create one full-time magistrate judge position at Abilene to serve both the Abilene and San Angelo divisions.

<sup>26</sup> Judge Sanders also served as acting chief judge from 1987 to 1989 due to Judge Porter's illness.

*THOSE  
WHO SERVED*

**FORMER  
DISTRICT JUDGES**



## **ANDREW PHELPS MCCORMICK**

BORN: December 18, 1832, at McCormick's Ferry, Texas  
(then part of Mexico)

DIED: November 2, 1916, in Waco, Texas

LAW SCHOOL: Read Law

FEDERAL JUDICIAL SERVICE: District Court, 1879-1892  
Appellate Court, 1892-1916

APPOINTED BY: President Rutherford B. Hayes

CHAMBERS LOCATION: Graham, Texas, 1879-1890  
Dallas, Texas, 1890-1913

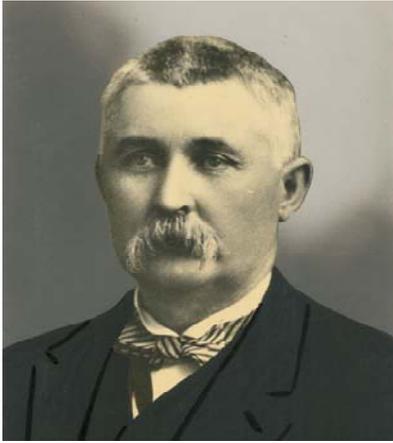
Andrew P. McCormick was sworn in as the first United States District Judge for the Northern District of Texas on May 23, 1879.

Judge McCormick was born at McCormick's Ferry, six miles west of Columbia, Brazoria County, Texas, on December 18, 1832. He graduated as valedictorian of his class from Centre College in Danville, Kentucky (A.B. 1854). After returning to Texas, he read law with his cousin, James Hall Bell. He was admitted to the bar and became James Bell's law partner in Brazoria, Texas, in December 1855. Judge McCormick joined the Confederate Army, serving in Bates' Regiment from 1861 to 1865. Andrew Hamilton, provisional governor, then appointed him judge of Brazoria County Court, a position he held until he was elected to the Constitutional Convention of 1866. He subsequently was elected to the Constitutional Convention of 1868-1869. In September 1871, Governor Edmund J. Davis appointed him to the 18th District Court, which at that time included Brazoria County. He held that position until April 1876. Judge McCormick served as Texas state senator from 1876 to 1879 for the counties of Galveston, Brazoria, and Matagorda.

In January 1879, President Rutherford B. Hayes appointed Judge McCormick United States attorney for the Eastern District of Texas. However, before he qualified for that position, Congress established the United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas, and President Hayes nominated Judge McCormick to the new position created by 20 Stat. 318 on April 7, 1879. Judge McCormick was confirmed by the Senate on April 10, 1879, and he received his commission on April 10, 1879. Judge McCormick served as judge of the Northern District of Texas until 1892, living in Dallas, except from 1883 to 1890 when he resided in Graham. On March 17, 1892, President Benjamin Harrison appointed Judge McCormick to the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals, a position that Judge McCormick held for the rest of his life.

Judge McCormick married Mary Jane Cope of Brazoria County on September 8, 1859. She died in January 1870, leaving six children. Then Judge McCormick married Lula Bell on March 15, 1871, and his family eventually increased to ten children.

Judge McCormick suffered a serious injury in a fall in 1911 and spent his last five years in a wheelchair. In 1913, he moved from Dallas to Waco, the home of his son, Andrew P. McCormick, Jr., and died there on November 2, 1916. Judge McCormick was a life-long Presbyterian and a Mason. He was buried in Greenwood Cemetery in Dallas, Texas.



### **JOHN B. RECTOR**

BORN: November 24, 1837, in Jackson County, Alabama

DIED: April 9, 1898, in Austin, Texas

LAW SCHOOL: Read law

FEDERAL JUDICIAL SERVICE: 1892-1898

APPOINTED BY: President Benjamin Harrison

CHAMBERS LOCATION: Dallas, Texas

John B. Rector was sworn in as United States District Judge for the Northern District of Texas on March 28, 1892.

Judge Rector was born on November 24, 1837, in Jackson County, Alabama. In 1847, he moved with his family to Bastrop County, Texas. He graduated from Yale College (B.A. 1859). He read law with Royal T. Wheeler and was admitted to the bar in 1860. He was self-employed as a lawyer in Bastrop from 1860 to 1861. In 1861, he joined one of the best known cavalry regiments in the Confederate Army, Terry's Texas Rangers. He served until 1866. That same year, he was elected district attorney of Travis County, but he lost his position the next year under the reconstruction government. He returned to the private practice of law in Bastrop from 1867 until 1871, when he was appointed judge of the 31st District Court. In 1876, he left his judicial post and returned to private practice in Austin.

President Benjamin Harrison nominated Judge Rector on March 24, 1892, to the seat vacated by Andrew P. McCormick. Judge Rector was confirmed by the Senate on March 28, 1892, and received his commission on March 28, 1892.

Judge Rector married Sadie L. Barton on December 25, 1866. They had no children. He died while in active service on April 9, 1898, in Austin, Texas. He was the shortest serving judge on the Northern District of Texas bench, having served only six years at the time of his death.



### ***EDWARD ROSCOE MEEK***

BORN: December 23, 1865, in Davenport, Iowa

DIED: April 10, 1939, in Santa Monica, California

LAW SCHOOL: State University of Iowa

FEDERAL JUDICIAL SERVICE: 1898-1939

APPOINTED BY: President William McKinley

CHAMBERS LOCATION: Fort Worth, Texas, 1898-1906

Dallas, Texas, 1906-1939

Edward R. Meek received a recess appointment from President William McKinley on July 13, 1898, to a new seat created by 30 Stat. 240.

Judge Meek was born in Davenport, Iowa, on December 23, 1865. He graduated from the State University of Iowa (A.B. 1887; LL.B. 1889). In 1889, he moved to Fort Worth where he worked in private practice, first with J.M. O'Neill and then with Stanley, Spoons & Meek, until his appointment to the federal bench. He represented major clients such as the Western Union Telegraph Company.

Following the recess appointment in July 1898, President William McKinley nominated Judge Meek to a permanent position on the federal bench on December 13, 1898. Judge Meek was confirmed by the Senate on February 15, 1899, and received his commission on February 15, 1899. Judge Meek served in the Fort Worth division until 1906 when he moved to Dallas. Judge Meek assumed senior status on December 13, 1935. He published *Should the Punishment Fit the Crime or Criminal?* in 1922.

Judge Meek was only 32 years old when he was appointed to the bench. He served as an active judge for 36 years and 5 months, longer than any other district judge in the Northern District of Texas.

Judge Meek married Elizabeth Clarkson of Des Moines, Iowa in October 1890. He had three sons. He died on April 10, 1939, in Santa Monica, California.



### **JAMES CLIFTON WILSON**

BORN: June 21, 1874, in Palo Pinto, Texas

DIED: August 3, 1951, in Fort Worth, Texas

LAW SCHOOL: University of Texas School of Law

FEDERAL JUDICIAL SERVICE: 1919-1951

APPOINTED BY: President Woodrow Wilson

CHAMBERS LOCATION: Fort Worth, Texas

James C. Wilson received a recess appointment from President Woodrow Wilson on March 5, 1919, to a new seat created by 40 Stat. 1183.

Judge Wilson was born on June 21, 1874, in Palo Pinto, Texas. He attended Weatherford College and graduated from the University of Texas School of Law (LL.B. 1896). He was admitted to the bar in 1896, and he began practicing law in Weatherford, Texas. Judge Wilson served as assistant prosecuting attorney of Parker County from 1898 to 1900, prosecuting attorney from 1902 to 1912, and chairman of the Democratic county executive committee from 1908 to 1912. He moved to Fort Worth in November 1912 and served as assistant district attorney of Tarrant County until July 1913 and United States attorney for the Northern District of Texas from July 1913 to March 1917. He was elected as a Democrat to the United States House of Representatives where he served from 1917 to 1919.

Following the recess appointment in March 1919, President Woodrow Wilson nominated Judge Wilson to a permanent position on the federal bench on May 23, 1919. Judge Wilson was confirmed by the Senate on June 24, 1919, and received his commission on June 24, 1919. Judge Wilson assumed senior status on July 31, 1947.

Judge Wilson married Esther English in 1905, and they had two sons and one daughter. He died in Fort Worth, Texas, on August 3, 1951.



## ***WILLIAM HAWLEY ATWELL***

BORN: June 9, 1869, in Sparta, Wisconsin

DIED: December 22, 1961, in Dallas, Texas

LAW SCHOOL: University of Texas School of Law

FEDERAL JUDICIAL SERVICE: 1923-1961

APPOINTED BY: President Warren G. Harding

CHAMBERS LOCATION: Fort Worth, Texas

William H. Atwell was sworn in as United States District Judge for the Northern District of Texas on February 13, 1923.

Judge Atwell was born on June 9, 1869, in Sparta, Wisconsin. He moved to rural Dallas County, Texas, with his parents in the 1870s. He graduated from Southwestern University (A.B. and B.S. 1889) and the University of Texas School of Law (LL.B. 1891). Judge Atwell was in private practice from 1891 to 1898 in Dallas. President William McKinley appointed Judge Atwell United States attorney in 1898. Judge Atwell served in this position until 1913. He returned to the private practice of law from 1913 until 1923.

Judge Atwell was nominated by the Republican party to run for governor in 1922. He ran unsuccessfully against Pat M. Neff.

President Warren G. Harding nominated Judge Atwell to the federal bench on December 30, 1922, to a new seat created by 42 Stat. 837. Judge Atwell was confirmed by the Senate on January 9, 1923, and received his commission on January 9, 1923. Judge Atwell served as the first chief judge of the Northern District of Texas from 1948 to 1954. Judge Atwell assumed senior status on December 31, 1954.

Judge Atwell's publications include *A Treatise on Federal Criminal Law Procedure, Charges to Jurors, Wandering and Wondering, and Some Provocative Decisions and Other Fundamentals*. Judge Atwell also wrote his autobiography in 1935.

Judge Atwell received honorary doctor of law degrees from Hardin Simmons College and Southwestern University. He was a grand exalted ruler of the Order of the Elks, and a member of the American Bar Association, American Judicature Society, and Texas State Historical Association. Judge Atwell was active in Dallas civic affairs and was a founder of the Dallas Zoo.

Judge Atwell married Susie Snyder on December 7, 1892, and they had two sons. Judge Atwell died on December 22, 1961 in Dallas, Texas.



## **THOMAS WHITFIELD DAVIDSON**

BORN: September 23, 1876, in Harrison County, Texas

DIED: January 25, 1974, in Dallas, Texas

LAW SCHOOL: Read law

FEDERAL JUDICIAL SERVICE: 1936-1974

APPOINTED BY: President Franklin D. Roosevelt

CHAMBERS LOCATION: Dallas, Texas

T. Whitfield (Whit) Davidson was sworn in as United States District Judge for the Northern District of Texas on February 15, 1936.

Judge Davidson was born on September 23, 1876, in Harrison County, Texas. He attended East Texas Normal College at Commerce and obtained a teaching certificate. He taught school in the Harrison County public schools and read law privately from 1895 to 1903. In the summer months, he took special law courses at Columbia University and the University of Chicago. He was admitted to the bar in 1903. He was in the private practice of law in Marshall, Texas, from 1903 to 1907, first as a partner with Harrison & Davidson, then as a partner with Beard & Davidson. He served as city attorney for Marshall from 1907 to 1914. He then returned to private practice. He was a Texas state senator from 1920 to 1922 and lieutenant governor from 1922 to 1924. He lost a race for governor in the Democratic primary in 1924 to Miriam ("Ma") Ferguson. He was general counsel for Praetorian Life Insurance Co. in Dallas and in private practice as a senior partner in the firm Davidson, Randall & Grey from 1927 until he was appointed to the bench.

President Franklin D. Roosevelt nominated Judge Davidson to the federal bench on January 22, 1936. He was confirmed by the Senate on January 30, 1936, and received his commission on February 5, 1936. Judge Davidson was chief judge from 1954 to 1959. He assumed senior status in 1965, but he remained involved in naturalization and citizenship activities.

Judge Davidson was a member and past president of the Texas Bar Association and Harrison County Bar Association. He was a member of the State Bar of Texas, Dallas Bar Association, American Bar Association, and Commission on Uniform State Laws. He was a member of the International Order of Odd Fellows and was past grand master of Texas. He also was a member and former president of the Dallas Writers Club. Judge Davidson published several books including *Davidson's Simplified Law*, *Wisdom of George Washington*, *Our Scotch Kith and Kin*, and *The Memoirs of T. Whitfield Davidson*. He wrote the latter book at age 96.

Judge Davidson married Asenath Burkhart in 1902. They divorced in 1936. He married Constance Key Wandel in 1936. She died in 1948. He then married Beulah Rose in 1949. She died in 1967. Judge Davidson had no children. He died on January 25, 1974, in Dallas, Texas. He left a large estate, the Davidson Foundation, in northwest Harrison County for public use.



## ***JOSEPH BRANNON DOOLEY***

BORN: December 13, 1889, in San Angelo, Texas

DIED: January 19, 1967, in Amarillo, Texas

LAW SCHOOL: University of Texas School of Law

FEDERAL JUDICIAL SERVICE: 1947-1967

APPOINTED BY: President Harry S. Truman

CHAMBERS LOCATION: Amarillo, Texas

Joseph B. Dooley was sworn in as United States District Judge for the Northern District of Texas on August 1, 1947.

Judge Dooley was born on December 13, 1889, in San Angelo, Texas. He graduated from the University of Texas School of Law (LL.B. 1911). He was in private practice at the law firm of Underwood, Johnson, Dooley & Wilson from 1911 to 1947.

President Harry S. Truman nominated Judge Dooley to the federal bench on January 8, 1947, to a seat vacated by James C. Wilson. Judge Dooley was confirmed by the Senate on July 8, 1947, and received commission on July 9, 1947. He served as chief judge briefly in 1959. He assumed senior status on October 1, 1966.

Judge Dooley was a member and past president of both the State Bar of Texas and the Amarillo Bar Association. He was also a member of the American Bar Association, Amarillo Downtown Lions Club, Phi Delta Phi, and Amarillo Chamber of Commerce. He served on the Texas Supreme Court's Advisory Committee on Rules of Civil Procedure in 1940.

Judge Dooley was a trustee on the Amarillo School Board from 1933 to 1939 and was chancellor of the Texas Episcopal Church of the Northwest Diocese for twenty-five years.

Judge Dooley married the former Carrie Colgin on September 16, 1913, and they had one daughter and one son. Judge Dooley died on January 19, 1967, in Amarillo, Texas, after suffering a stroke.



## **JOE EWING ESTES**

BORN: October 24, 1903, in Commerce, Texas

DIED: October 24, 1989, in Dallas, Texas

LAW SCHOOL: University of Texas School of Law

FEDERAL JUDICIAL SERVICE: 1955-1989

APPOINTED BY: President Dwight D. Eisenhower

CHAMBERS LOCATION: Dallas, Texas

Joe E. Estes was sworn in as United States District Judge for the Northern District of Texas on August 8, 1955.

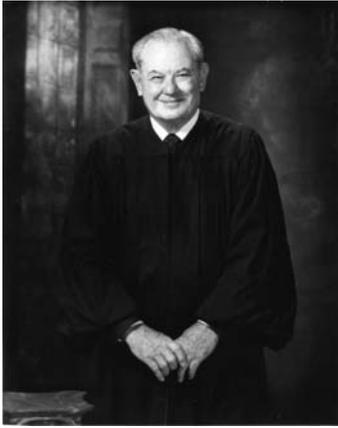
Judge Estes was born on October 24, 1903, in Commerce, Texas. He attended East Texas State Teachers College (1923-1924) and the University of Texas School of Law (LL.B. 1927). He was admitted to the bar in 1927. He began his legal career as a partner in the firm of Crosby & Estes in Commerce, where he worked until 1930. He continued working as a successful trial lawyer in several other firms specializing in oil and gas litigation before his appointment to the federal bench. He served as a lieutenant commander in the United States Navy Reserve during World War II (1942-1945). Judge Estes was active in bar association activities and was president-elect of the Dallas Bar Association at the time of his appointment.

President Dwight D. Eisenhower nominated Judge Estes to the federal bench on July 18, 1955, to the seat vacated by William Hawley Atwell. Judge Estes was confirmed by the Senate on July 28, 1955, and received his commission on August 1, 1955.

Judge Estes served on the Judicial Conference of the United States as the Fifth Circuit district judge representative. He also served on many important Judicial Conference committees— Coordinating Committee for Multiple District Litigation, Executive Committee, Advisory Committee on Rules of Evidence, Committee on Pretrial Procedure, and Committee on Trial Practice and Technique. He was on the board of editors of the Manual on Complex and Multidistrict Litigation, and he published a handbook for effective pretrial procedure.

Judge Estes was chief judge for the Northern District of Texas from 1959 to 1972. He took senior status in 1972. That same year, he was named Citizen of the Year by the Kiwanis Club of Dallas, and he received the Hatton W. Summers Award from the Southwestern Legal Foundation. Judge Estes remained active as a senior judge, accepting additional duties as a judge of the Temporary Emergency Court of Appeals, a position he held until his death.

Judge Estes married Carroll Cox on December 1, 1931. They had one son and one daughter. Judge Estes died in Dallas, Texas, on October 24, 1989, his 86th birthday.



## ***LEO BREWSTER***

BORN: October 16, 1903, in Fort Worth, Texas

DIED: November 27, 1979, in Fort Worth, Texas

LAW SCHOOL: University of Texas School of Law

FEDERAL JUDICIAL SERVICE: 1961-1979

APPOINTED BY: President John F. Kennedy

CHAMBERS LOCATION: Fort Worth, Texas

Leo Brewster received a recess appointment from President John F. Kennedy on October 5, 1961, to a new seat created by 75 Stat. 80.

Judge Brewster was born on October 16, 1903, in Fort Worth, Texas. He graduated from the University of Texas School of Law (LL.B. 1926). He worked in private practice in Fort Worth from 1926 to 1962, except for a brief stint as an assistant district attorney for Tarrant County from 1935 to 1939. He devoted much of his private practice to trying complicated cases for other lawyers throughout the state.

Following the recess appointment in October 1961, President John F. Kennedy nominated Judge Brewster to a permanent position on the federal bench on January 15, 1962. Judge Brewster was confirmed by the Senate on March 16, 1962, and received his commission on March 17, 1962. Judge Brewster served as chief judge of the Northern District of Texas from 1972 to 1973. Judge Brewster assumed senior status on November 1, 1973, but he continued to preside over cases in the Abilene Division and other cases on a selected basis.

Judge Brewster was a member and former president of both the State Bar of Texas and the Tarrant County Bar Association. He also was a member of the American Bar Association House of Delegates and a fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers.

Judge Brewster received national media attention in the early 1970s after ordering five Irish-Americans jailed for refusing to answer grand jury questions related to smuggling weapons from the United States to Irish Republican Army terrorists. The five, who became known as the "Fort Worth Five," remained in prison for more than a year.

Judge Brewster married Lois Rice, and they had two daughters. He died on November 27, 1979, at his home in Fort Worth, Texas.



## **SARAH TILGHMAN HUGHES**

BORN: August 2, 1896, in Baltimore, Maryland

DIED: April 23, 1985, in Dallas, Texas

LAW SCHOOL: George Washington University School of Law

FEDERAL JUDICIAL SERVICE: 1961-1985

APPOINTED BY: President John F. Kennedy

CHAMBERS LOCATION: Dallas, Texas

Sarah T. Hughes received a recess appointment from President John F. Kennedy on October 5, 1961, to a new seat created by 75 Stat. 80.

Judge Hughes was born on August 2, 1896, in Baltimore, Maryland. She graduated from Goucher College (A.B. 1917) and George Washington University School of Law (LL.B. 1922). While attending law school, she served on the Washington, D.C. police force, a job in which she worked primarily with juveniles. In 1922, she moved to Dallas where she joined the firm of Priest, Herndon, and Ledbetter in 1923. The firm later became Priest, Herndon, & Hughes. She worked for the firm until 1935. She also served as a Texas state representative from 1931 to 1935. In 1935, Judge Hughes was appointed to fill an unexpired term as judge of the 14th District Court in Dallas. She was the first female state district judge in Texas. She was subsequently elected to that judgeship and then reelected on six occasions, the last in 1960.

Following the recess appointment in October 1961, President John F. Kennedy nominated Judge Hughes to a permanent position on the federal bench on January 15, 1962. Judge Hughes was confirmed by the Senate on March 16, 1962, and received her commission on March 17, 1962. She was the first female to serve as a federal district judge in Texas. She took senior status on August 4, 1975, but she continued trying cases until August 15, 1981.

While serving the 14th District Court, Judge Hughes played an important part in the construction of Dallas' first juvenile detention center (1950) and in securing an amendment to the Texas constitution allowing women to serve as jurors (1953). Among her most well-known cases as a federal judge were *Roe v. Wade*, 1970 (abortion), *Shultz v. Brookhaven General Hospital*, 1969 (equal pay for equal work), *Taylor v. Sterrett*, 1972 (prisoner treatment in Dallas County jail), and *SEC v. National Bankers Life Insurance Company*, 1971 (stock fraud involving powerful Texas politicians and businessmen). In addition to serving in many leadership roles of business and professional women's organizations, she was named by Texas Governor Mark White to the Texas Women's Hall of Fame in 1984.

Judge Hughes married George Ernest Hughes on March 13, 1922. She and her husband had no children. She died on April 23, 1985, in Dallas, Texas, after several years of illness.



***WILLIAM MCLAUGHLIN TAYLOR, JR.***

BORN: February 7, 1909, in Denton, Texas

DIED: June 17, 1985, in Dallas, Texas

LAW SCHOOL: Southern Methodist University School of Law

FEDERAL JUDICIAL SERVICE: 1966-1985

APPOINTED BY: President Lyndon B. Johnson

CHAMBERS LOCATION: Dallas, Texas

William McLaughlin Taylor, Jr. was sworn in as United States District Judge for the Northern District of Texas on August 18, 1966.

Judge Taylor was born on February 7, 1909, in Denton, Texas. He moved with his family to Dallas four years later. His father, attorney William McLaughlin Taylor, Sr., was an associate justice on the Texas Supreme Court. Judge Taylor attended the University of Texas, University of Colorado, and Southern Methodist University. He graduated from Southern Methodist University School of Law (LL.B. 1932). He worked in private practice with the firm of Wallace & Vickery from 1932 to 1933. In 1933, he became an assistant district attorney in Dallas, and in 1936 he accepted a position as assistant city attorney. In 1939, he joined the law firm of Burford, Ryburn, Hincks & Charlton, where he served as an associate until 1946. During this time, he also joined the United States Marine Corps Reserve and served as a second lieutenant and then captain during World War II. He joined the Strasburger, Price, Holland, Kelton & Miller law firm as an associate in 1946. He was then elected to the 134th District Court in Dallas where he served as a judge from 1949 to 1953. He returned to the Strasburger law firm in 1953 where he was a partner until appointed to the federal bench.

President Lyndon B. Johnson nominated Judge Taylor on June 28, 1966, to a seat vacated by T. Whitfield Davidson. Judge Taylor was confirmed by the Senate on July 22, 1966, and received his commission on July 22, 1966. Judge Taylor served as chief judge from 1973 to 1977. He took senior status in 1979, but continued with an active docket.

Judge Taylor was a member of the State Bar of Texas, Dallas Bar Association, American Bar Association, International Association of Insurance Counsel, Texas Association of Defense Counsel, and American College of Trial Lawyers.

Judge Taylor married the former Elizabeth Pepple on June 27, 1934. They had three daughters. He died on June 17, 1985, in Dallas, Texas.



## ***HALBERT OWEN WOODWARD***

**BORN:** April 8, 1918, in Coleman, Texas

**DIED:** October 2, 2000, in Brownwood, Texas

**LAW SCHOOL:** University of Texas School of Law

**FEDERAL JUDICIAL SERVICE:** 1968-2000

**APPOINTED BY:** President Lyndon B. Johnson

**CHAMBERS LOCATION:** Lubbock, Texas

Halbert O. Woodward was sworn in as United States District Judge for the Northern District of Texas on June 28, 1968.

Judge Woodward was born on April 8, 1918, in Coleman, Texas. He graduated from the University of Texas and the University of Texas School of Law (B.B.A. and LL.B. 1940). He was admitted to the bar in 1941. Judge Woodward worked as a hearing examiner for the Texas Employment Commission from September 1940 to April 1941. He then worked as a title examiner for Humble Oil & Refining Co. from April 1941 to November 1942. He served in the United States Navy from 1942 to 1945, where he attained the rank of lieutenant. He returned to Humble Oil & Refining Co. after his military service, where he worked until 1949 as a land and title supervisor. He then took over his father's law firm—Woodward & Johnson—in Coleman, Texas, where he practiced until 1968. He was a member of the Texas Highway Commission from 1958 to 1968 and was chairman of the commission from 1967 to 1968.

President Lyndon B. Johnson nominated Judge Woodward to the federal bench on April 25, 1968, to a seat vacated by Joe B. Dooley. Judge Woodward was confirmed by the Senate on June 6, 1968, and received his commission on June 7, 1968. Judge Woodward served as chief judge of the district from May 1977 until December 1986, when he assumed senior status.

Judge Woodward was a member of the Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation from 1989 to 1992. He received the Outstanding Support of Good Law Enforcement Award from the Sheriff's Association of Texas in 1988 and the Texas Tech University Friend of Education Award and Texas Bar Foundation Outstanding Jurist Award in 1989. He served on the Lubbock Methodist Hospital System board of trustees and was president of the South Plains Council of the Boy Scouts of America. He received the distinguished Eagle Scout Award and the Silver Beaver Award from the Boy Scouts of America.

Judge Woodward married the former Dawn Blair on September 28, 1940. They had two sons. Judge Woodward died on October 2, 2000, at his home near Brownwood, Texas.



***ROBERT MADDEN HILL***

BORN: January 13, 1928, in Dallas, Texas

DIED: October 19, 1987

LAW SCHOOL: University of Texas School of Law

FEDERAL JUDICIAL SERVICE: District Court, 1970-1984

Appellate Court, 1984-1987

APPOINTED BY: President Richard M. Nixon

CHAMBERS LOCATION: Dallas, Texas

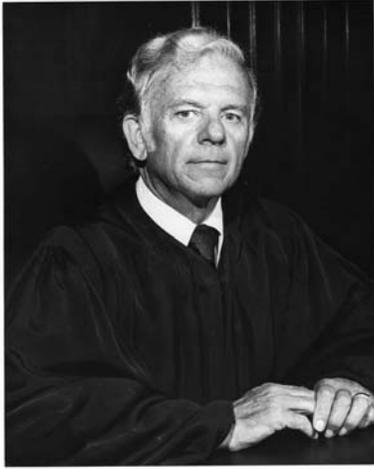
Robert M. Hill was sworn in as United States District Judge for the Northern District of Texas on December 18, 1970.

Judge Hill was born in Dallas, Texas, on January 13, 1928. He was the son of William Madden Hill, who served as a commissioner for the Northern District from 1945 to 1966. Judge Hill graduated from the University of Texas (B.B.A. 1948) and from the University of Texas School of Law (LL.B. 1950). After law school, Judge Hill entered private practice with R.T. Bailey from 1950 to 1952, Caldwell, Baker & Jordan from 1952 to 1959, and Woodruff, Hill, Kendall & Smith from 1959 until he was appointed to the federal bench. While in private practice, Judge Hill served as chief counsel for the Dallas County Republican Party.

President Richard M. Nixon nominated Judge Hill on October 7, 1970, to a new seat created by 84 Stat. 294. Judge Hill was confirmed by the Senate on November 25, 1970, and received his commission on December 1, 1970. President Ronald W. Reagan nominated Judge Hill to the Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit on June 4, 1984, to a seat vacated by John R. Brown. Judge Hill was confirmed by the Senate on June 15, 1984, and received his commission on June 15, 1984.

During his tenure as a district judge, Judge Hill presided over many high-profile cases, including the 1979 criminal trial of Billie Sol Estes for mail fraud and conspiracy to conceal assets to avoid paying taxes. He was a member of the Dallas Bar Association, Federal Bar Association, American Bar Association, and American Judicature Society.

Judge Hill married the former Mary Anne Wright on June 14, 1948, and they had one son and two daughters. After the loss of his first wife in 1971, Judge Hill married attorney Patricia Abbott in 1975. Judge Hill died on October 19, 1987, after suffering a fatal asthma attack aboard an airliner as he returned from a vacation in Kenya.



## ***ELDON BROOKS MAHON***

BORN: April 9, 1918, in Loraine, Texas

DIED: December 3, 2005, in Fort Worth, Texas

LAW SCHOOL: University of Texas School of Law

FEDERAL JUDICIAL SERVICE: 1972-2005

APPOINTED BY: President Richard M. Nixon

CHAMBERS LOCATION: Fort Worth, Texas

Eldon B. Mahon was sworn in as United States District Judge for the Northern District of Texas on July 14, 1972.

Judge Mahon was born on April 9, 1918, in Loraine, Texas. He graduated from McMurry College (B.A. 1939) and the University of Texas School of Law (LL.B 1942). He entered the United States Army Air Corps in 1942, rising to the rank of captain, and served there until 1945. He was a law clerk to Texas Supreme Court Justice J.E. Hickman from 1945 to 1946, county attorney for Mitchell County from 1947 to 1948, district attorney for the 32nd Judicial District of Texas from 1948 to 1960, and then judge for the same district from 1961 to 1963. From 1963 to 1964, he was vice president of Texas Electric Service Co. in Fort Worth. He moved to Abilene in 1964 to become a partner in private practice in the law firm of Mahon, Pope & Glandon. In 1968, President Lyndon B. Johnson appointed Judge Mahon United States Attorney, a position Judge Mahon held until he was appointed to the federal bench.

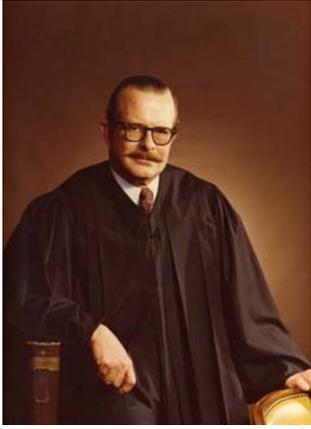
President Nixon nominated Judge Mahon on June 23, 1972, to a seat vacated by Joe Estes. Judge Mahon was confirmed by the Senate on June 28, 1972, and received his commission on July 3, 1972. Judge Mahon assumed senior status in November 1989, but he continued to keep a substantial caseload until October 2002.

Judge Mahon served on the Judicial Conference Committee on the Budget from 1975 to 1983. He presided over cases of local and national importance in Fort Worth and Dallas. In 1975, he ruled that the Dallas city council's at-large representation system was unconstitutional because it was designed to dilute minority voting power. Judge Mahon also worked for nineteen years overseeing the Fort Worth school desegregation case, *Flax, et al. v. Potts, et al.*

Judge Mahon received an honorary doctor of law degree from McMurry University and an honorary doctor of humanities degree from Texas Wesleyan University. He was awarded the "Medal of Honor" from the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution. In 1993, the Eldon B. Mahon Inn of Court was named in his honor. In 1998, Judge Mahon received the Tarrant County Bar Association's Silver Gavel Award and the Samuel Pessara Outstanding Jurist Award from the Texas Bar Foundation. Judge Mahon served on the board of trustees for Texas Wesleyan

University School of Law, McMurry University, and Harris Methodist Hospital. On November 14, 2003, Judge Mahon was honored in a ceremony naming the Eldon B. Mahon United States Courthouse in Fort Worth after him.

Judge Mahon married the former Nova Lee Groom on June 1, 1941. They had two daughters and one son. Judge Mahon died on December 3, 2005, at his home in Fort Worth, Texas.



## ***ROBERT WILLIAM PORTER***

**BORN:** August 13, 1926, in Monmouth, Illinois

**DIED:** November 6, 1991, in Dallas, Texas

**LAW SCHOOL:** University of Michigan Law School

**FEDERAL JUDICIAL SERVICE:** 1974-1991

**APPOINTED BY:** President Richard M. Nixon

**CHAMBERS LOCATION:** Dallas, Texas

Robert W. Porter was sworn in as United States District Judge for the Northern District of Texas on July 18, 1974.

Judge Porter was born on August 13, 1926, in Monmouth, Illinois. He served in the United States Navy from 1944 to 1946. He then graduated from Monmouth College (A.B. 1949) and from the University of Michigan Law School (J.D. 1952). He worked as in-house counsel for Reserve Life Insurance Company from 1952 to 1954 and was in private practice as a senior partner with Thompson, Coe, Cousins, Irons & Porter from 1954 until 1974. During that time, he served as a city council member for the city of Richardson from 1961 to 1966 and mayor of Richardson from 1966 until 1967. He also served as special counsel for Dallas County from 1972 to 1974, and Dallas County Republican chairman from 1972 to 1973.

President Richard M. Nixon nominated Judge Porter on April 22, 1974, to a seat vacated by Leo Brewster. Judge Porter was confirmed by the Senate on June 13, 1974, and he received his commission on June 20, 1974. Judge Porter served as chief judge intermittently from 1986 to 1989. He took senior status on January 17, 1990.

During his career, Judge Porter was an active member of the Richardson Bar Association, Dallas Bar Association, Federal Bar Association, State Bar of Texas, American Bar Association, Dallas Association of Defense Counsel, Texas Association of Defense Counsel, Delta Theta Phi Law Fraternity, and Barristers Society. He also served as president of the Texas Association of Mayors and Councilmen from 1965 to 1966.

Judge Porter married Lois Virginia Freeman on July 4, 1956, and they had three sons. Judge Porter died on November 6, 1991, in Dallas, Texas.

***PATRICK ERROL HIGGINBOTHAM***

BORN: 1938, McCalla, Alabama

LAW SCHOOL: University of Alabama School of Law

FEDERAL JUDICIAL SERVICE: District Court, 1975-1982

Appellate Court, 1982-present

APPOINTED BY: President Gerald R. Ford

CHAMBERS LOCATION: District Court—Dallas, Texas

Appellate Court—Dallas, Texas and

Austin, Texas

Patrick E. Higginbotham was sworn in as United States District Judge for the Northern District of Texas on January 2, 1976.

Judge Higginbotham graduated from the University of Alabama (B.A. 1960) and the University of Alabama School of Law (LL.B. 1961). Judge Higginbotham served in the United States Air Force Judge Advocate General's Corps from 1961 until 1964. He entered private practice with the firm of Coke & Coke in 1964, and he continued working with the firm until his appointment to the federal bench in 1975.

President Gerald R. Ford nominated Judge Higginbotham on December 2, 1975, to a seat vacated by Sarah T. Hughes. He was confirmed by the Senate on December 12, 1975, and received his commission on December 12, 1975. President Ronald W. Reagan nominated Judge Higginbotham to the Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit on July 1, 1982, to a seat vacated by Reynaldo Garza. Judge Higginbotham was confirmed by the Senate on July 27, 1982, and received his commission on July 30, 1982. Judge Higginbotham assumed senior status on August 28, 2006, but continues to carry a full caseload on the Court of Appeals.

Judge Higginbotham served as chair of the Judicial Conference Advisory Committee on Civil Rules. He is a lifetime member of the American Law Institute and was advisor to its project on complex litigation. He is chair of the Center for American & International Law and serves as a member of the Board of Advisors, Institute for Civil Justice, RAND. The latter organization is a non-profit organization that studies the political system and devotes much attention to state and federal courts. He is also a member of the Ethics 2000 Commission. He was former president of the American Inns of Court Foundation. He is a fellow of the American Bar Foundation and former chair of the Appellate Judges Conference of the American Bar Association and former member of the ABA Journal board of editors. Judge Higginbotham was an advisor to the National Center for State Courts on its study of habeas corpus.

Judge Higginbotham received an honorary doctor of law degree from Southern Methodist University in 1989. In 1997, Judge Higginbotham received the Samuel E. Gates Litigation Award from the American College of Trial Lawyers, in 2002 he received the A. Sherman Christensen Award from the American Inns of Court, in 2006 he received the TEX-ABOTA Judge of the Year award, and in 2007 he received the American Inn of Court's Professionalism Award for the Fifth Circuit. Judge Higginbotham has served as a faculty member for the Federal Judicial Center, published numerous articles, and taught at Southern Methodist University School of

Law, University of Alabama School of Law, University of Texas School of Law, Texas Tech University School of Law, and St. Mary's School of Law.

Judge Higginbotham and his wife Elizabeth have two daughters.



***DAVID OWEN BELEW, JR.***

BORN: March 27, 1920, in Fort Worth, Texas

DIED: November 21, 2001, in Fort Worth, Texas

LAW SCHOOL: University of Texas School of Law

FEDERAL JUDICIAL SERVICE: 1979-2001

APPOINTED BY: President Jimmy E. Carter

CHAMBERS LOCATION: Fort Worth, Texas

David O. Belew, Jr. was sworn in as United States District Judge for the Northern District of Texas on May 4, 1979.

Judge Belew was born March 27, 1920, in Fort Worth, Texas. He attended Texas Christian University and the University of Texas before joining the United States Army in 1942. He served in the 90th Infantry Division from 1942 to 1946, rising to the rank of captain. He was one of the first soldiers to land on Utah Beach during the Normandy invasion of World War II. He was wounded at least three times during the war, returning to combat after recovering each time. For his heroism, he received the Silver Star, three Purple Hearts, and five Battle Stars.

After leaving the military, Judge Belew graduated from the University of Texas (B.A. 1946) and the University of Texas School of Law (LL.B. 1948). After law school, Judge Belew worked with his father in private practice and soon became an assistant United States attorney in Fort Worth. In 1953, he joined the Fort Worth firm of Cantey Hanger, where he became a partner and remained until his appointment to the federal bench.

President Jimmy E. Carter nominated Judge Belew to the federal bench on February 9, 1979, to a new seat created by 92 Stat. 1629. He was confirmed by the Senate on April 24, 1979, and received his commission on April 26, 1979. Judge Belew was a member of the State Bar of Texas, American Bar Association, and member and former president of the Tarrant County Bar Association.

Although Judge Belew handled many important cases, his best known was a fourteen-month civil trial resulting from the 1985 crash of Delta Air Lines Flight 191, the longest aviation trial in history. Judge Belew assumed senior status in 1990.

Judge Belew married the former Marjorie Mitchell on October 11, 1946. They had one son and two daughters. Marjorie died in 1984, and in 1989 Judge Belew married Joetta Sewell Earl. Judge Belew died on November 21, 2001, in Fort Worth, Texas.

***ELTON JOE KENDALL***

BORN: 1954, in Dallas, Texas

LAW SCHOOL: Baylor University School of Law

FEDERAL JUDICIAL SERVICE: 1992-2002

APPOINTED BY: President George H.W. Bush

CHAMBERS LOCATION: Dallas, Texas

Joe Kendall was sworn in as United States District Judge for the Northern District of Texas on May 29, 1992.

Judge Kendall graduated from Southern Methodist University (B.B.A. 1977) and Baylor University School of Law (J.D. 1980). Judge Kendall served as a Dallas police officer from 1972 to 1978. He was an assistant district attorney for Dallas County from 1980 to 1982. He worked in private practice from 1982 until 1986, when he was elected to the 195th State District Court. He served in that position until his appointment to the federal bench in 1992.

Judge Kendall was nominated by President George H.W. Bush on March 20, 1992, to a new seat created by 104 Stat. 5089. He was confirmed by the Senate on May 12, 1992, and received his commission on May 15, 1992. Judge Kendall resigned from the federal bench on January 22, 2002, to return to private practice.

Judge Kendall served on the United States Sentencing Commission from 1999 until 2002. He was a member of the Federal Judges Association and served on the association's board of directors. He also was a member of the American Bar Association, College of the State Bar of Texas, Dallas Bar Association, and the Texas Criminal Defense Lawyers Association.

Judge Kendall and Veronica ("Ronnie") Kendall have three sons.



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WHO SERVE*

**CURRENT  
DISTRICT JUDGES**

## ***MARY LOU ROBINSON***

BORN: 1926, in Dodge City, Kansas

LAW SCHOOL: University of Texas School of Law

FEDERAL JUDICIAL SERVICE: 1979-present

APPOINTED BY: President Jimmy E. Carter

CHAMBERS LOCATION: Amarillo, Texas

Mary Lou Robinson was sworn in as United States District Judge for the Northern District of Texas on May 1, 1979.

Judge Robinson graduated from the University of Texas (B.A. 1948) and from the University of Texas School of Law (LL.B. 1950). In 1949, Judge Robinson opened a private law practice under the firm name of Robinson and Robinson in Austin, Texas, with her husband, A.J. Robinson. She moved to Amarillo, Texas, in the spring of 1950 and continued in private practice until she was appointed judge of the newly-created County Court at Law in Potter County in 1955. Judge Robinson was elected judge of the 108th District Court in Amarillo in 1961 and was subsequently reelected in 1964, 1968, and 1972. In 1973, she was appointed justice of the Seventh Court of Appeals in Amarillo, making her the first female appellate judge in Texas. She was appointed chief justice of that court in 1977 and continued to serve as chief justice until her appointment to the federal bench.

President Jimmy E. Carter nominated Judge Robinson on February 23, 1979, to a new seat on the Northern District of Texas bench that was created by 92 Stat. 1629. Judge Robinson was confirmed by the Senate on April 24, 1979, and received her commission on April 26, 1979.

Judge Robinson is a member of the American Bar Association, Federal Judges Association, National Association of Women Lawyers, Amarillo Bar Association, State Bar of Texas, and fellow of the Texas Bar Foundation. Judge Robinson is also a member of the civil pattern jury charge committee for the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals. Judge Robinson has received many awards and honors throughout her distinguished career. She was named one of the 100 "Legal Legends" by *Texas Lawyer* and also was named "Distinguished Alumna" by Amarillo College in 2004. Judge Robinson received the Outstanding Fifty-Year Lawyer Award presented by the Texas Bar Foundation, the Sandra Day O'Connor Award for Professional Excellence by the Texas Center for Legal Ethics, the Chief Justice Charles L. Reynolds' Lifetime Achievement Award by the Amarillo Area Bar Association, the Samuel Pessarra Outstanding Jurist Award by the State Bar of Texas, and the Girl Scouts 2007 Woman of Distinction. She is currently the longest serving active district judge in the Fifth Circuit.

Judge Robinson has served as federal liaison on the State Bar of Texas board of directors and on the Judicial Council of the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals. She is an

active member of the Rotary Club of Amarillo and a member of the National Association of Women Lawyers. She has served as an elder in the Presbyterian Church and coordinator of adult education.

Judge Robinson was married for many years to attorney A.J. Robinson. She has two daughters and one son.

***ALLEN JOE FISH***

BORN: 1942, in Los Angeles, California

LAW SCHOOL: Yale Law School

FEDERAL JUDICIAL SERVICE: 1983-present

APPOINTED BY: President Ronald W. Reagan

CHAMBERS LOCATION: Dallas, Texas

A. Joe Fish was sworn in as United States District Judge for the Northern District of Texas on March 11, 1983.

Judge Fish graduated from Yale College (B.A.1965) and from Yale Law School (LL.B. 1968). Judge Fish began his professional career at McKenzie & Baer in Dallas. After practicing law for twelve years, Judge Fish was elected judge of the 95th District Court in Dallas. On September 1, 1981, Judge Fish was elected justice of the Fifth District Court of Appeals in Dallas.

President Ronald W. Reagan nominated Judge Fish on January 31, 1983, to a seat vacated by Patrick E. Higginbotham. Judge Fish was confirmed by the Senate on February 23, 1983, and received his commission on February 24, 1983. On January 1, 2002, Judge Fish became chief judge for the Northern District of Texas.

Judge Fish has served on the Judicial Conference Committee on the Administrative Office since 2001. He also serves as the federal liaison on the State Bar of Texas board of directors and previously served on the Judicial Council of the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals. He is a fellow of the Texas Bar Foundation.

Judge Fish and his wife Betty have one daughter and one son.

***SIDNEY ALLEN FITZWATER***

BORN: 1953, in Olney, Maryland

LAW SCHOOL: Baylor University School of Law

FEDERAL JUDICIAL SERVICE: 1986-present

APPOINTED BY: President Ronald W. Reagan

CHAMBERS LOCATION: Dallas, Texas

Sidney A. Fitzwater was sworn in as United States District Judge for the Northern District of Texas on April 21, 1986.

Judge Fitzwater graduated from Baylor University (B.A. 1975) and from Baylor University School of Law (J.D. 1976). Judge Fitzwater began his professional career practicing law with Vinson & Elkins in Houston (1976 to 1978) and then with Rain Harrell Emery Young & Doke in Dallas (1978 to 1982). He served as a district judge of the 298th Judicial District Court in Dallas from 1982 to 1986.

President Ronald W. Reagan nominated Judge Fitzwater on January 29, 1986, to a seat vacated by Robert M. Hill. Judge Fitzwater was confirmed by the Senate on March 18, 1986, and received his commission on March 19, 1986. At the time of his appointment he was, at age 32, the youngest federal judge in the United States.

Judge Fitzwater has received many honors and awards during his career. In 1983 he was awarded the Baylor University Young Graduates Award of Merit. He received the Baylor University Alumni Association's Outstanding Young Alumnus Award (1985) and the Fort Worth Independent School District Outstanding Alumni Award (1986). In 1990, the Baylor University Chapter of Omicron Delta Kappa honored him during Men and Women of Merit Week. In 2007, he received the Baylor University Alumni Association's Price Daniel Distinguished Public Service Award.

Judge Fitzwater has served on the Judicial Conference Committee on Rules of Practice and Procedure since 2000. He serves on the Fifth Circuit Judicial Council and is a member of the Council's rules committee. Judge Fitzwater is a member of the State Bar of Texas, Dallas Bar Association, Federal Judges Association, and is president of the District Judges Association of the Fifth Circuit. He is also a fellow of the Texas Bar Foundation.

Judge Fitzwater and his wife Nancy have three sons.

## ***SAMUEL RAY CUMMINGS***

BORN: 1944, in Lubbock, Texas

LAW SCHOOL: Baylor University School of Law

FEDERAL JUDICIAL SERVICE: 1987-present

APPOINTED BY: President Ronald W. Reagan

CHAMBERS LOCATION: Lubbock, Texas

Sam R. Cummings was sworn in as United States District Judge for the Northern District of Texas on December 11, 1987.

Judge Cummings graduated from Texas Tech University (B.B.A. 1967) and from Baylor University School of Law (J.D. 1970). Judge Cummings began his legal career practicing law with Culton, Morgan, Britain & White in 1970, and he became a partner in the firm in 1974. Judge Cummings remained with the firm until he was appointed to the federal bench.

President Ronald W. Reagan nominated Judge Cummings on July 31, 1987, to a seat vacated by Halbert O. Woodward. Judge Cummings was confirmed by the Senate on December 8, 1987, and received his commission on December 9, 1987. Judge Cummings presides over cases in the Lubbock, Abilene, and San Angelo divisions.

Judge Cummings is board certified in civil trial law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization. He is a fellow of the Texas Bar Foundation and a member of the State Bar of Texas and the American Bar Association. He was formerly a member of the Texas Association of Defense Counsel, the International Association of Defense Counsel, and the Defense Research Institute. He also is former chairman of the District 13 Grievance Committee for the State Bar of Texas. In 2007 he was named Lawyer of the Year by Baylor University School of Law.

Judge Cummings and his wife Sally have one daughter and one son.

***JOHN HENRY MCBRYDE***

BORN: 1931, in Jackson, Mississippi

LAW SCHOOL: University of Texas School of Law

FEDERAL JUDICIAL SERVICE: 1990-present

APPOINTED BY: President George H.W. Bush

CHAMBERS LOCATION: Fort Worth, Texas

John H. McBryde was sworn in as United States District Judge for the Northern District of Texas on August 7, 1990.

Judge McBryde graduated from Texas Christian University (B.S. 1953) and the University of Texas School of Law (LL.B. 1956). Judge McBryde was an associate, then partner with the predecessor to Cantey Hanger from 1956 until 1969. He was a partner with McBryde & Bennett and predecessor firms from 1969 until 1990, when he was appointed to the federal bench.

President George H.W. Bush nominated Judge McBryde on May 11, 1990, to a seat vacated by Eldon B. Mahon. Judge McBryde was confirmed by the Senate on August 3, 1990, and received his commission on August 7, 1990.

Judge McBryde is a member of the State Bar of Texas and is a fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers, American Bar Foundation, Texas Bar Foundation, and Tarrant County Bar Foundation.

Judge McBryde and his wife Betty have two daughters and one son.

## **JORGE ANTONIO SOLIS**

BORN: 1951, in San Ygnacio, Texas

LAW SCHOOL: University of Texas School of Law

FEDERAL JUDICIAL SERVICE: 1991-present

APPOINTED BY: President George H.W. Bush

CHAMBERS LOCATION: Dallas, Texas

Jorge A. Solis was sworn in as United States District Judge for the Northern District of Texas on November 8, 1991.

Judge Solis graduated from McMurry University (B.A. 1973) and the University of Texas School of Law (J.D. 1976). Judge Solis became an assistant criminal district attorney for Taylor County in 1976, a position he held until 1981. He was in private practice with Moore & Holloway in Abilene from 1981 to 1982. In 1982, he was elected Taylor County district attorney. He was special prosecutor for the West Central Texas Narcotics Task Force briefly before being elected judge of the 350th District Court in Abilene in 1989. He served on that court until 1991, when he was appointed to the federal bench.

President George H.W. Bush nominated Judge Solis on June 19, 1991, to fill a seat vacated by Robert W. Porter. Judge Solis was confirmed by the Senate on September 12, 1991, and received his commission on September 16, 1991.

Judge Solis is a member of the State Bar of Texas, Dallas Bar Association, State Bar of Texas Pattern Jury Charges — Criminal Law Committee, and the United States Advisory Council — National Center for Missing and Exploited Children. He is also on the board of directors for McMurry University. From 1987 to 1990, he was a member of the governor's task force on drug abuse.

Judge Solis and his wife Rebecca have two sons and one daughter.

## ***TERRY ROBERT MEANS***

BORN: 1948, in Roswell, New Mexico

LAW SCHOOL: Southern Methodist University School of Law

FEDERAL JUDICIAL SERVICE: 1991-present

APPOINTED BY: President George H.W. Bush

CHAMBERS LOCATION: Fort Worth, Texas

Terry R. Means was sworn in as United States District Judge for the Northern District of Texas on November 5, 1991.

Judge Means graduated from Southern Methodist University (B.A. 1971) and Southern Methodist University School of Law (J.D. 1974). Judge Means was a partner with Means & Means, Corsicana, Texas, from 1974 until 1989. In 1989, he was appointed justice of the Texas Tenth Court of Appeals in Waco by Governor William P. Clements. He served on that court until 1991.

President George H.W. Bush nominated Judge Means on July 24, 1991, to a seat vacated by Honorable David O. Belew, Jr. and was confirmed by the Senate on October 31, 1991.

Judge Means has received several significant honors and awards during his career. Included among those are the SMU Dedman School of Law Distinguished Alumni Award for Judicial Service and the Tarrant County Bar Association's Silver Gavel Award, both conferred in 2006.

Judge Means was a presidential elector for the State of Texas in 1980, Republican Party nominee for state representative for Ellis and Navarro Counties in 1980, and chairman of the Republican Party of Navarro County from 1976 through 1988. Judge Means is a master emeritus in the Eldon B. Mahon Inn of Court and served as its president in 1999. He has served on the board of directors of Lambda Chi Alpha International Fraternity since 2002.

Judge Means is a member of the State Bar of Texas and the Tarrant County Bar Association. He is admitted to practice in the United States District Courts for the Northern, Western, and Eastern Districts of Texas and the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit.

An avid soccer fan and youth coach during his children's years at home, Judge Means has served his communities as president of both the Corsicana and the Fort Worth Youth Soccer Associations, as well as the Corsicana YMCA.

Judge Means and his wife JoAnn have one son and two daughters.

## **SAM A. LINDSAY**

BORN: 1951, in San Antonio, Texas

LAW SCHOOL: University of Texas School of Law

FEDERAL JUDICIAL SERVICE: 1998-present

APPOINTED BY: President William J. Clinton

CHAMBERS LOCATION: Dallas, Texas

Sam A. Lindsay was sworn in as United States District Judge for the Northern District of Texas on September 1, 1998. He is the first African-American judge of this district.

Judge Lindsay graduated from St. Mary's University (B.A. 1974) and the University of Texas School of Law (J.D. 1977). Judge Lindsay served as a staff attorney for the Texas Aeronautics Commission in Austin from 1977 to 1979. He moved to Dallas in 1979 and became a member of the City of Dallas' legal team. He began in the prosecution division in May 1979, and then he moved to the federal litigation section, where he worked for ten years. Judge Lindsay went on to hold several high-level management positions within the city attorney's office, and in 1992 he was named city attorney. Judge Lindsay served as Dallas city attorney from May 1992 to September 1998.

President William J. Clinton nominated Judge Lindsay on November 8, 1997, to fill a new seat on the Northern District of Texas bench that was created by 104 Stat. 5089. Judge Lindsay was confirmed by the Senate on March 11, 1998, and received his commission on March 17, 1998.

Judge Lindsay has received many honors and awards during his career. In 1993, he was awarded the Trailblazers Award for being the first African-American city attorney in Dallas. In 1996, he was awarded the C.B. Bunkley Award for exceptional service to the community by the J.L. Turner Legal Association. He received the Man of the Year Award from the South Dallas Business and Professional Women's Club in 1999, and the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Justice Award from the Dallas Bar Association in 2000. In 2003, Judge Lindsay received the Distinguished Alumnus Award for Community Service from the University of Texas School of Law. In June 2006, Judge Lindsay received the J.L. Turner Legal Association's L.A. Bedford Distinguished Jurist Award. In June 2007, Judge Lindsay received the Dallas Association of Young Lawyers' Outstanding Mentor Award for 2006-2007.

Judge Lindsay is a member of the State Bar of Texas, Patrick E. Higginbotham American Inn of Court, J.L. Turner Legal Association, City of Dallas Judicial Nominating Commission, International Municipal Lawyers Association, the Center for American and International Law, Leadership Dallas Class of 1992, Federal Judiciary Advisory Committee for the Northern District of Texas, Dallas Business Journal Advisory Committee, Fifth Circuit Bar Association, and Dallas Bar Association. Judge Lindsay is board certified in civil trial law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization and is licensed by the Texas Supreme Court, United States District Court for the

Northern District of Texas, United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, and United States Supreme Court.

Judge Lindsay and his wife Kathleen have three daughters.

***BARBARA MICHELE GOLDEN LYNN***

BORN: 1952, in Binghamton, New York

LAW SCHOOL: Southern Methodist University School of Law

FEDERAL JUDICIAL SERVICE: 2000-present

APPOINTED BY: President William J. Clinton

CHAMBERS LOCATION: Dallas, Texas

Barbara M. G. Lynn was sworn in as United States District Judge for the Northern District of Texas on February 14, 2000.

Judge Lynn graduated from the University of Virginia (B.A. 1973) and Southern Methodist University School of Law (J.D. 1976). In 1976, she joined the law firm of Carrington, Coleman, Sloman & Blumenthal, LLP, and remained there until she was appointed to the federal bench in 1999. She became a named partner in the firm in 1983 and served on the firm's executive committee from 1983 to 1999.

President William J. Clinton nominated Judge Lynn on March 25, 1999, to fill a seat vacated by Harold Barefoot Sanders, Jr. Judge Lynn was confirmed by the Senate on November 17, 1999, and received her commission on November 22, 1999.

Judge Lynn has received many honors and awards during her career. Judge Lynn received Southern Methodist University School of Law's Distinguished Alumni Award for private practice in 1999. She was the first recipient of the Louise Raggio award given by the Dallas Women Lawyers Association for her contributions to the profession. In 2004, Judge Lynn was recognized as Judge of the Year by the Dallas Chapter of the American Board of Trial Advocates, and in 2006 she was recognized by the Women and the Law Section of the State Bar of Texas as the Sarah T. Hughes Woman Lawyer of Achievement.

Judge Lynn has been a member of the Judicial Conference Committee on the Administration of the Bankruptcy System since 2003, and she will chair the committee from 2007-2010. She served as the 1998-1999 chair of the American Bar Association's 60,000 member Section of Litigation and has been chair of the research fellows of the Southwestern Legal Foundation, and a member of the ABA Standing Committee on Federal Judicial Improvements, as well as past president of the Patrick E. Higginbotham Inn of Court. She is chair-elect of the Federal Trial Judges Conference of the American Bar Association Judicial Division, vice-chair of the American Bar Association Judicial Division, and trustee for the Center of American and International Law. She has been an adjunct professor at Southern Methodist University School of Law and is a member of the law school's executive board. She is also president-elect of the Dallas Chapter of the International Women's Forum, is a fellow and has been committee chair of the Judiciary Committee of the American College of Trial Lawyers, and a member of the American Law Institute.

Judge Lynn and her husband Michael have two daughters.

**DAVID CHARLES GODBEY**

BORN: 1957, in Temple, Texas

LAW SCHOOL: Harvard Law School

FEDERAL JUDICIAL SERVICE: 2002-present

APPOINTED BY: President George W. Bush

CHAMBERS LOCATION: Dallas, Texas

David C. Godbey was sworn in as United States District Judge for the Northern District of Texas on August 7, 2002.

Judge Godbey graduated from Southern Methodist University (B.S.E.E./B.S. 1978). He worked for Texas Instruments as an electrical engineer from 1978 to 1979. He then graduated from Harvard Law School (J.D. 1982) where he served on the *Harvard Law Review* from 1980-1982. Following law school, Judge Godbey clerked for the late Irving L. Goldberg, United States Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals. After his clerkship, Judge Godbey went to work for Hughes & Luce, LLP, where he stayed for the next eleven years. In 1995, Judge Godbey was elected to the 160th District Court in Dallas, where he served until 2002. He was selected by his colleagues to serve as presiding civil district judge and local administrative district Judge for the thirty-seven district courts in Dallas County. Governor Rick Perry appointed Judge Godbey to sit as temporary justice on the Texas Supreme Court to hear *In re TXU* in 2001.

President George W. Bush nominated Judge Godbey on January 23, 2002, to a fill a seat vacated by Robert B. Maloney. Judge Godbey was confirmed by the Senate on August 1, 2002, and received his commission on August 2, 2002.

Judge Godbey received the Civil Jurist of the Year award in 1997 from the American Board of Trial Advocates, Dallas Chapter, and was named a Toll Fellow in 1998 by the Council of State Governments.

Judge Godbey is a member of the American Law Institute, American Bar Association, and the Dallas Bar Association. He is a fellow of the Dallas Bar Foundation and a master in the William "Mac" Taylor Inn of Court. He served on the State Bar of Texas Administration of Rules of Evidence Committee, Texas Supreme Court Judicial Campaign Finance Study Committee, and Judicial Selection Task Force of the Texas Commission on Judicial Efficiency. He was a commissioner for the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws from 1999-2004 and chair of the Dallas Bar Association Appellate Section in 1996. Judge Godbey is board certified in civil appellate law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization and is a registered patent attorney.

Judge Godbey and his wife Beverly have one son and one daughter.

**JAMES EDGAR KINKEADE**

BORN: 1951, in Denton, Texas

LAW SCHOOL: Baylor University School of Law

FEDERAL JUDICIAL SERVICE: 2002-present

APPOINTED BY: President George W. Bush

CHAMBERS LOCATION: Dallas, Texas

Ed Kinkeade was sworn in as United States District Judge for the Northern District of Texas on November 18, 2002.

Judge Kinkeade graduated from Baylor University (B.A. 1973), Baylor University School of Law (J.D. 1974), and the University of Virginia School of Law (LL.M 1998). Judge Kinkeade practiced in Irving with Power & Kinkeade where they represented the Dallas Cowboys, Las Colinas Corporation, and David McDavid Enterprises. Judge Kinkeade was elected to County Criminal Court No. 10 in Dallas in January 1981, where he served for eight months. In September 1981, Governor William P. Clements appointed Judge Kinkeade to the 194<sup>th</sup> District Court in Dallas. In 1988, Governor Clements appointed him to the Fifth Court of Appeals in Dallas, where he served until his appointment to the federal bench.

President George W. Bush nominated Judge Kinkeade on July 18, 2002, to a seat vacated by Joe Kendall. Judge Kinkeade was confirmed by the Senate on November 14, 2002, and received his commission on November 15, 2002.

Judge Kinkeade has received many honors and awards during his career. He was named one of Baylor University's outstanding young alumni, as well as being named by *D Magazine* as one of the outstanding judges in Dallas. Judge Kinkeade served on the boards of Dallas Baptist University, Volunteer Center of Dallas (chair), Baylor Medical Center Irving, Downtown Dallas YMCA, OPEN Inc., City of Dallas Mayor's Blue Ribbon Task Force on Alcoholism, the Texas Supreme Court's Jury Task Force, and was a charter member of the Irving School Foundation. He presently serves as chairman of the board of trustees of the Baylor Health Care System and on the board of directors of Baylor University Alumni Association.

Judge Kinkeade is a member of the Judicial Conference Committee on Space and Facilities and the Fifth Circuit Judicial Council Space and Staffing Committee. He is an adjunct professor of law at Texas Wesleyan School of Law. He has co-authored two books, West's *Kinkeade & McColloch's Texas Penal Code Annotated* and National Institute for Trial Advocacy's *A Practical Guide to Texas Evidence: Objections, Responses, Rules, and Practice Commentary*, and numerous law review articles.

Judge Kinkeade and his wife Melissa have one daughter and one son.

**JANE JACKSON BOYLE**

BORN: 1954, in Sharon, Pennsylvania

LAW SCHOOL: Southern Methodist University School of Law

FEDERAL JUDICIAL SERVICE: Magistrate Judge, 1990-2002  
District Judge, 2004-present

APPOINTED BY: President George W. Bush

CHAMBERS LOCATION: Dallas, Texas

Jane J. Boyle was sworn in as United States District Judge for the Northern District of Texas on June 29, 2004.

Judge Boyle graduated from the University of Texas at Austin (B.S. 1977) and Southern Methodist University School of Law (J.D. 1981). Judge Boyle began her professional career as assistant district attorney for Dallas County in 1981, where for six years she participated in numerous jury trials and bench trials involving offenses ranging from murder and aggravated robbery to securities fraud. In 1985, Judge Boyle was promoted to chief felony prosecutor of the major commercial fraud unit for the Dallas district attorney's office, where she remained until 1987. In 1987, she was appointed Assistant United States Attorney for the Northern District of Texas. As an Assistant United States Attorney, she represented the United States in federal criminal and civil cases. In 1990, Judge Boyle was appointed the first female United States Magistrate Judge for the Northern District of Texas, where she served for twelve years. As a magistrate judge, Judge Boyle presided over numerous trials and hearings and authored opinions in almost every area of federal civil jurisdiction. She published an article in the June 1996 volume of the *Texas Bar Journal* titled: "The Federal Work Product Doctrine: A 'How-To' for Litigators." In 2002, she was appointed the first woman United States Attorney for the Northern District of Texas by President George W. Bush. She served as United States Attorney until she was appointed to the federal bench.

President George W. Bush nominated Judge Boyle on November 24, 2003, to a seat vacated by Jerry L. Buchmeyer. Judge Boyle was confirmed by the Senate on June 17, 2004, and received her commission on June 29, 2004.

Judge Boyle is also active in numerous professional activities. She is a former president of the William "Mac" Taylor American Inn of Court. She is a fellow of the Texas Bar Foundation and has served as trustee for the Dallas Bar Foundation. In 2001, she was vice-chair of the Dallas Bar Association's Business Litigation Section and co-chair of the Pro Bono Activities Committee. In April 2007, Judge Boyle was appointed to serve on the Fifth Circuit's Pattern Criminal Jury Charge Committee.

Judge Boyle and her husband John have one son and one daughter.



*THOSE  
WHO SERVE*

**SENIOR  
DISTRICT JUDGES**

***HAROLD BAREFOOT SANDERS, JR.***

BORN: 1925, in Dallas, Texas

LAW SCHOOL: University of Texas School of Law

FEDERAL JUDICIAL SERVICE: 1979-present

APPOINTED BY: President Jimmy E. Carter

CHAMBERS LOCATION: Dallas, Texas

Harold Barefoot Sanders, Jr. was sworn in as United States District Judge for the Northern District of Texas on May 4, 1979.

Judge Sanders graduated from the University of Texas (B.A. 1949) and from the University of Texas School of Law (J.D. 1950). Judge Sanders began his professional career in 1950 when he joined his father's law firm, Storey Sanders Sherrill Armstrong & Steger, in Dallas. He served as a Texas state representative from 1953 to 1959. In 1961, he was appointed United States Attorney for the Northern District of Texas by President John F. Kennedy. Judge Sanders served in this capacity until 1965, when he was appointed Assistant Deputy Attorney General of the United States. In 1966, he was appointed Assistant Attorney General of the United States. Then in 1967, he was appointed legislative counsel to President Lyndon B. Johnson. In 1969, Judge Sanders returned to private practice in Dallas.

President Jimmy E. Carter nominated Judge Sanders on February 6, 1979, to a new seat on the Northern District of Texas bench created by 92 Stat. 1629. Judge Sanders was confirmed by the Senate on April 24, 1979, and received his commission on April 26, 1979. Judge Sanders served as acting chief judge from 1987 to 1988 and chief judge from 1989 to 1995. He assumed senior status on January 1, 1996.

During his almost 28 years as an active district judge, Judge Sanders oversaw some of the most important cases in the Northern District of Texas, including *Tasby v. DISD, et al.*, the Dallas school desegregation case, and *RAJ, et al. v. Gilbert, et al.* and *Lelsz v. Kavanagh*, cases challenging conditions in state hospitals for the mentally ill and state schools for the mentally challenged.

Judge Sanders has received many significant honors during his distinguished career. He received the 1995 Dallas Bar Foundation Fellows Award. In 1999, he was recognized with a Lifetime Achievement Award by the University of Texas School of Law's Alumni Association. The Dallas Bar Association honored him with the Morris Harrell Professionalism Award in 2002. In 2005 he received a Justice Award from William Wayne Justice Center for Public Interest Law for his commitment to public service and equal justice for all, and in 2006 the Dallas Bar Association honored him with the Martin Luther King Jr. Justice Award. In 2007, the Dallas Hispanic Bar Association gave him the Lifetime Achievement Award for his contributions that led to the desegregation of Texas Schools.

Judge Sanders served as district judges' representative from the Fifth Circuit to the Judicial Conference of the United States from 1989 to 1992; chair of the Judicial Conference Committee on the Judicial Branch from 1994 to 1997; member of the Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation from 1992 to 2000; and chair of the National Conference of Federal Trial Judges of the American Bar Association from 1988 to 1989. In 1998, he received an honorary doctor of law degree from Southern Methodist University. He is a member of the American Bar Association, Dallas Bar Association, American Judicature Society, Federal Bar Association, State Bar of Texas, and is a fellow of the Texas Bar Foundation and Dallas Bar Foundation.

Judge Sanders and his wife Jan have three daughters and one son.

**JERRY LYNN BUCHMEYER**

BORN: 1933, in Overton, Texas

LAW SCHOOL: University of Texas School of Law

FEDERAL JUDICIAL SERVICE: 1979-present

APPOINTED BY: President Jimmy E. Carter

CHAMBERS LOCATION: Dallas, Texas

Jerry Buchmeyer was sworn in as United States District Judge for the Northern District of Texas on December 14, 1979.

Judge Buchmeyer graduated from the University of Texas (B.A. 1956) and the University of Texas School of Law (LL.B. 1957). Judge Buchmeyer was a partner at Thompson & Knight in Dallas from 1958 until his appointment to the federal bench in 1979.

President Jimmy E. Carter nominated Judge Buchmeyer on August 3, 1979, to a seat vacated by William M. Taylor, Jr. Judge Buchmeyer was confirmed by the Senate on October 4, 1979, and received his commission on October 5, 1979. Judge Buchmeyer served as chief judge from 1995 until 2001. Judge Buchmeyer assumed senior status on September 5, 2003, but he continues to carry a full caseload. He presides over cases in the Dallas and Wichita Falls divisions.

Judge Buchmeyer served on the Judicial Conference Committee on Codes of Conduct from 1993 to 1999 and on the Judicial Council of the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals. He is a member and former director of the State Bar of Texas, member and former president of the Dallas Bar Association, member of the American Bar Association, and fellow of the Texas Bar Foundation. He is a trustee and charter fellow of the Dallas Bar Foundation. He chaired the State Bar Grievance Committee from 1975 to 1979. In 2003, the Dallas Bar Foundation honored Judge Buchmeyer with the Fellows Award for his outstanding career as a jurist and his many years of bar leadership and service. He has been the presiding judge in the Texas High School Mock Trial Competition for many years, and he writes the "et cetera" humor column for the *Texas Bar Journal*.

Judge Buchmeyer has two daughters and two sons.

***ROBERT BRUCE MALONEY***

BORN: 1933, in Dallas, Texas

LAW SCHOOL: Southern Methodist University School of Law

FEDERAL JUDICIAL SERVICE: 1985-present

APPOINTED BY: President Ronald W. Reagan

CHAMBERS LOCATION: Dallas, Texas

Robert B. Maloney was sworn in as United States District Judge for the Northern District of Texas on January 31, 1986.

Judge Maloney graduated from Southern Methodist University (B.B.A. 1956) and attended Southern Methodist University School of Law. He served as assistant district attorney for Dallas County from 1961 to 1962. Judge Maloney was in private practice from 1962 until 1984, first as a partner with Watts, Stallings & Maloney (1962-1965), then as a partner with Maloney, Milner & McDowell (1966-1975), partner with Maloney & McDowell (1976-1978), and then partner with Maloney & Maloney (1978-1984). Judge Maloney was elected Justice on the Fifth Court of Appeals in Dallas, where he served from 1983 to 1985. He also served as Texas state representative from 1973 until 1982.

President Ronald W. Reagan nominated Judge Maloney on July 23, 1985, to a new seat on the Northern District of Texas bench that was created by 98 Stat. 333. Judge Maloney was confirmed by the Senate on October 16, 1985, and received his commission on October 17, 1985. Judge Maloney assumed senior status on August 31, 2000.

Judge Maloney is a member of the State Bar of Texas and a life fellow of the Texas Bar Foundation.

Judge Maloney and his wife Frances have one son.



*THOSE  
WHO SERVED*

**FORMER  
MAGISTRATE  
JUDGES**



**ALEXANDER HERBERT MCGLINCHHEY**

BORN: 1930, in Fort Worth, Texas

DIED: April 2, 2006, in Fort Worth, Texas

LAW SCHOOL: Southern Methodist University School of Law

FEDERAL JUDICIAL SERVICE: 1975-1996

CHAMBERS LOCATION: Fort Worth, Texas

Alex McGlinchey was sworn in as United States Magistrate Judge for the Northern District of Texas on November 1, 1975.

Judge McGlinchey graduated from Texas Christian University (B.A. 1951) and Southern Methodist University School of Law (J.D. 1954; LL.M. 1965). He entered active duty in the U.S. Navy in 1954 and served until 1957. He then worked in the trust department of First National Bank of Fort Worth from 1958 to 1959. He was in private practice from 1960 to 1966 and became a partner in the firm of Pepper, Markward and McGlinchey. From 1966 until his appointment as magistrate judge, he was Assistant United States Attorney in the Fort Worth division. While Assistant United States Attorney, he became chief of the criminal section.

Judge McGlinchey was a member of the State Bar of Texas, Tarrant County Bar Association, and Federal Bar Association.

Judge McGlinchey retired on April 26, 1996.

Judge McGlinchey was married to the former Nelda Anderson. They had four sons. Judge McGlinchey died on April 2, 2006, in Fort Worth.

**JOHN BEIRNE TOLLE**

BORN: 1933, in Dallas, Texas

LAW SCHOOL: Southern Methodist University School of Law

FEDERAL JUDICIAL SERVICE: 1979-1998

CHAMBERS LOCATION: Dallas, Texas

John B. Tolle was sworn in as United States Magistrate Judge for the Northern District of Texas on March 19, 1979.

Judge Tolle served in the United States Army from 1954 to 1956. He graduated from the University of Notre Dame (B.S. 1959) and Southern Methodist University School of Law (LL.B. 1966). He worked in private practice in Dallas with Robert B. Billings from 1966 to 1967, and as a sole practitioner from 1967 to 1968. In 1968, he became a prosecutor in the Dallas County district attorney's office. In May 1969, he was promoted to chief of the appellate section of the district attorney's office, and in March 1972, he became head of the federal and civil sections of that office. He represented Henry M. Wade, the Dallas County district attorney, in *Roe v. Wade*.

Judge Tolle was a member of the State Bar of Texas and Phi Delta Phi legal fraternity.

Judge Tolle retired on March 1, 1998. He and his wife Marilyn have three sons and one daughter.

**J. Q. WARNICK, JR.**

BORN: 1931, in Tahoka, Texas

LAW SCHOOL: University of Texas School of Law

FEDERAL JUDICIAL SERVICE: 1984-1998

CHAMBERS LOCATION: Lubbock, Texas

J. Q. Warnick, Jr. was sworn in as United States Magistrate Judge for the Northern District of Texas on December 24, 1984.

Judge Warnick served in the U.S. Navy Reserve from 1948 to 1951 and was Honorably Discharged. He served on active duty with the U.S. Air Force from 1951 to 1955 and was Honorably Discharged. He graduated from Texas Tech University (B.A. 1956) and the University of Texas School of Law (J.D. 1959). Immediately after law school, he became an assistant county attorney in Lubbock County, and he served in that position until 1961. He then was in private practice in Lubbock from 1961 to 1976. In 1976, he was elected judge of County Court at Law No. 2 in Lubbock. He served as county court at law judge from 1976 until his appointment as magistrate judge.

Judge Warnick is a member of the State Bar of Texas and Lubbock County Bar Association.

Judge Warnick retired on December 28, 1998. He and his wife Loretta have one son and two daughters.

***BILLY WARREN BOONE***

BORN: 1955, in Perryton, Texas

LAW SCHOOL: Texas Tech University School of Law

FEDERAL JUDICIAL SERVICE: Part-Time Magistrate Judge,  
1987-2003

CHAMBERS LOCATION: Abilene, Texas

Billy W. Boone was sworn in as part-time United States Magistrate Judge for the Northern District of Texas on May 1, 1987. He was mentored as a lawyer and in his early years as a magistrate by the late Honorable Halbert O. Woodward, former Chief Judge of the Northern District of Texas.

Judge Boone graduated from Texas Tech University (B.B.A. 1977) and Texas Tech University School of Law (J.D. 1980). Judge Boone was an Associate Editor of the Texas Tech Law Review and received the Order of the Coif. He was in private practice in Abilene with David Hooper & Associates from 1980 to 1982 and then as a solo practitioner from 1982 to present.

Judge Boone is a member of the State Bar of Texas, American Bar Association, Texas Bar Foundation, Abilene Bar Association, Bar of the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals, Texas Center for Legal Ethics and Professionalism, and Phi Alpha Delta law fraternity. Judge Boone served as a member of the District 14D Grievance Committee from 2003 to present and served as its chairman from 2006 to 2007.

Judge Boone returned to full-time private practice in 2003 when his part-time position was merged with the San Angelo division part-time position to form one full-time magistrate judge position for Abilene and San Angelo.

Judge Boone and his wife Celia have one son and one daughter.



*THOSE  
WHO SERVE*

**CURRENT  
MAGISTRATE  
JUDGES**

***WILLIAM FLETCHER SANDERSON, JR.***

BORN: 1943, in Battlecreek, Michigan

LAW SCHOOL: University of Texas School of Law

FEDERAL JUDICIAL SERVICE: 1979-present

CHAMBERS LOCATION: Dallas, Texas

William F. Sanderson, Jr. was sworn in as United States Magistrate Judge for the Northern District of Texas on March 19, 1979.

Judge Sanderson graduated from Vanderbilt University (B.A. 1965) and the University of Texas School of Law (J.D. 1968). Judge Sanderson began his professional career with the Dallas city attorney's office in 1968. Shortly thereafter, he became an Assistant United States Attorney in Dallas. He served in that capacity from 1969 to 1977. In 1977, Judge Sanderson moved to Midland, Texas, where he became an associate with the law firm of Stubbeman, McRae, Sealy, Laughlin, & Browder. He returned to Dallas when he was appointed as a United States Magistrate for the Northern District of Texas in 1979.

Judge Sanderson has been an active member of the Federal Magistrate Judges Association for many years and was elected president of the association in 1991. He also served for six years on the Judicial Conference Committee on the Administrative Office.

Judge Sanderson is a member of the State Bar of Texas, the Dallas Bar Association and the William "Mac" Taylor American Inn of Court. He is a life fellow of the Texas Bar Foundation and a fellow of the Dallas Bar Foundation. He is a member of the Northpark Presbyterian Church, the Rotary Club of Dallas and the Dallas Opera Guild of which he and his wife were past co-presidents.

Judge Sanderson and his wife Sandra have one son and one daughter.

***CLINTON EDWARD AVERITTE***

BORN: 1948, in Fort Worth, Texas

LAW SCHOOL: Southern Methodist University School of Law

FEDERAL JUDICIAL SERVICE: 1987-present

CHAMBERS LOCATION: Amarillo, Texas

Clinton E. Averitte was sworn in as United States Magistrate Judge for the Northern District of Texas on June 15, 1987.

Judge Averitte graduated from the University of Texas (B.S. 1971) and Southern Methodist University School of Law (J.D. 1974).

Judge Averitte served as an assistant attorney general for the State of Texas from 1974 to 1977. He was in private practice as a partner in the law firm of Hiersche, Martens & Averitte from 1977 to 1978. Judge Averitte returned to public service in 1979 when he became an assistant district attorney for the Lubbock County district attorney's office and chief of business crimes. From 1980 to 1985, he was an Assistant United States attorney in Lubbock. He then transferred to the Amarillo division of the United States Attorney's office as supervising Assistant United States Attorney.

Judge Averitte is a member of the Order of the Coif, State Bar of Texas, Texas Bar Foundation, Amarillo Area Bar Association, and the Federal Magistrate Judges Association. He is also the magistrate judge representative to the Fifth Circuit Judicial Council.

Judge Averitte and his wife Vicki have one son.

**JEFF KAPLAN**

BORN: 1956, in Morristown, New Jersey

LAW SCHOOL: Southern Methodist University School of Law

FEDERAL JUDICIAL SERVICE: 1994-present

CHAMBERS LOCATION: Dallas, Texas

Jeff Kaplan was sworn in as United States Magistrate Judge for the Northern District of Texas on June 1, 1994.

Judge Kaplan graduated from Vanderbilt University (B.A. 1978) and Southern Methodist University School of Law (J.D. 1981). After a one-year clerkship with the Fifth Court of Appeals in Dallas, Judge Kaplan entered private practice where he specialized in civil trials and appeals. He served as a justice on the Fifth Court of Appeals in Dallas from 1991 to 1992. Judge Kaplan was a partner in the law firm of Johnston & Budner from 1993 until his appointment to the federal bench.

Judge Kaplan is board certified in civil trial law and civil appellate law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization and is an emeritus member of the National Board of Trial Advocacy. He previously served on the board of editors of the *Federal Courts Law Review* and as president of the William “Mac” Taylor American Inn of Court. Judge Kaplan is an active member of the Dallas Bar Association and numerous other professional organizations. He frequently lectures at continuing legal education programs on issues related to trial and appellate practice.

Judge Kaplan, and his wife Barbara Kennedy have two daughters.

**CHARLES MILLS BLEIL**

BORN: 1942, in Houston, Texas

LAW SCHOOL: University of Texas School of Law

FEDERAL JUDICIAL SERVICE: 1996-present

CHAMBERS LOCATION: Fort Worth, Texas

Charles M. Bleil was sworn in as United States Magistrate Judge for the Northern District of Texas on May 6, 1996.

Judge Bleil graduated from Texas Tech University (B.B.A. 1963), the University of Texas School of Law (J. D. 1966), and the University of Virginia School of Law (LL.M. 1990). Judge Bleil served in the United States Army Judge Advocate General's Corps from 1967 to 1971. In 1971 he became a member and later a partner in the law firm of Atchley, Russell, Waldrop & Hlavinka in Texarkana. He was Judge of the 5th District Court from 1978 to 1981 and Justice on the Sixth Court of Appeals in Texarkana from 1981 until his appointment as magistrate judge in May 1996.

Judge Bleil is a member of the Tarrant County Bar Association, State Bar of Texas, and Eldon B. Mahon Inn of Court. He is also a life fellow of the Texas Bar Foundation and Tarrant County Bar Foundation.

Judge Bleil and his wife Susan have two daughters and two sons.

***PAUL DOUGLAS STICKNEY***

BORN: 1953, in Evanston, Illinois

LAW SCHOOL: University of South Dakota School of Law

FEDERAL JUDICIAL SERVICE: 1998-present

CHAMBERS LOCATION: Dallas, Texas

Paul D. Stickney was sworn in as United States Magistrate Judge for the Northern District of Texas on March 2, 1998.

After serving in the United States Air Force, Judge Stickney graduated from the University of South Dakota (B.S. 1978) and the University of South Dakota School of Law (J.D. 1981). Judge Stickney began his legal career in civil and criminal litigation with the Breit & Stickney law office of Sioux Falls, South Dakota in 1981. He moved to Texas in 1990, where he served as first assistant federal public defender in the Northern District of Texas at Dallas and Fort Worth from 1990 until his appointment to the bench.

Judge Stickney is a member of the State Bar of Texas and Dallas Bar Association. He is a past member of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, Tarrant County Bar Association, and Tarrant County Criminal Defense Lawyers Association. In addition to the Northern District of Texas, he is admitted to practice in the District of South Dakota and the Fifth and Eighth Circuit Courts of Appeals. Judge Stickney has served on the board of directors for the Employment Law Section and Tort and Insurance Sections of the Dallas Bar Association.

Judge Stickney and his wife Mary Lochridge have one son and two daughters.

***NANCY MARION MCCLELLAN KOENIG***

BORN: 1951, in San Antonio, Texas

LAW SCHOOL: Texas Tech University School of Law

FEDERAL JUDICIAL SERVICE: 1998-present

CHAMBERS LOCATION: Lubbock, Texas

Nancy M. Koenig was sworn in as United States Magistrate Judge for the Northern District of Texas on December 28, 1998.

Judge Koenig graduated from the University of Texas (B.A. 1972; M.A. 1975) and Texas Tech University School of Law (J.D. 1982).

Judge Koenig began her legal career as law clerk to the Honorable Halbert O. Woodward who was then Chief Judge of the Northern District of Texas. She also served as assistant general counsel for the State Bar of Texas. In 1984, she became an Assistant United States Attorney in Lubbock. She received special achievement awards from the Department of Justice and a special commendation award from the Executive Office for United States Attorneys.

Judge Koenig is a life fellow of the Texas Bar Foundation and a member of the American Bar Association, Federal Magistrate Judges Association, Lubbock Bar Association, and Lubbock County Women Lawyers Association.

Judge Koenig and her husband Richard have two daughters and one son.

***IRMA CARRILLO RAMIREZ***

BORN: 1964, in Brownfield, Texas

LAW SCHOOL: Southern Methodist University School of Law

FEDERAL JUDICIAL SERVICE: 2002-present

CHAMBERS LOCATION: Dallas, Texas

Irma C. Ramirez was sworn in as United States Magistrate Judge for the Northern District of Texas on September 9, 2002.

Judge Ramirez graduated from West Texas State University (B.A. 1986) and Southern Methodist University School of Law (J.D. 1991), where she was a Sarah T. Hughes Fellow.

Judge Ramirez began her professional career in private practice in 1991 with the law firm of Locke Purnell Rain Harrell, LLP. In 1995, she was appointed Assistant United States Attorney in Dallas, a position she held until she was appointed magistrate judge.

Judge Ramirez is a member of the State Bar of Texas, Dallas Bar Association, Dallas Bar Association Business Litigation Section, and Federal Magistrate Judges Association. She is a fellow of the Dallas Bar Foundation. She also is a member of the Federal Bar Association and serves on the executive committee of the Dallas Chapter. She is a former member and officer of the Mexican-American Bar Association and former barrister in the Patrick E. Higginbotham Inn of Court. She teaches trial advocacy at Southern Methodist University School of Law.

Judge Ramirez is married to Adam Ramirez.

***PHILIP ROBERT LANE***

BORN: 1939, in San Angelo, Texas

LAW SCHOOL: University of Texas School of Law

FEDERAL JUDICIAL SERVICE: Part-Time Magistrate Judge,  
1971-2003; Full-  
Time Magistrate Judge, 2003-present

CHAMBERS LOCATION: Abilene, Texas

Philip R. Lane was sworn in as full-time United States Magistrate Judge for the Northern District of Texas on June 16, 2003. He had served as part-time magistrate judge in the San Angelo division since February 22, 1971.

Judge Lane graduated from the United States Air Force Academy (B.S. 1961) and the University of Texas School of Law (J.D. 1968).

Judge Lane served as a pilot in the United States Air Force from 1961 to 1965 and 1968 to 1969. He joined the law firm of Marshall, Hall, McLaughlin & Lane in 1969 in San Angelo and continued in the practice of law until 2003, when he was selected to be a full-time magistrate judge responsible for both the Abilene and San Angelo divisions.

Judge Lane is a member of the Tom Green County Bar Association and has served as president, director, and member of various committees of that association. He is also a member of the Abilene Bar Association and the State Bar of Texas.

Judge Lane and his wife Nancy have two sons and one daughter.

**ROBERT KERRY ROACH**

BORN: 1943, in Kansas City, Missouri

LAW SCHOOL: University of Texas School of Law

FEDERAL JUDICIAL SERVICE: Part-Time Magistrate Judge,  
1980-present

CHAMBERS LOCATION: Wichita Falls, Texas

Robert K. Roach was sworn in as part-time United States Magistrate Judge for the Northern District of Texas on April 1, 1980.

Judge Roach attended Stanford University (1961-1963) and graduated from the University of Oklahoma (B.A. 1965) and the University of Texas School of Law (LL.B. 1968). From 1968 to 1969, Judge Roach was a law clerk for Judge Halbert O. Woodward. From 1969 until 1971, he was an associate with the law firm of Law, Snakard, Brown & Gambill in Fort Worth. In 1971, he became corporate general counsel for United Services Management, Inc. in Wichita Falls. Then, in 1975, he became an associate and later partner with the law firm of Gibson, Hotchkiss, Roach & Davenport, where he continues to practice.

Judge Roach is a member of the State Bar of Texas and former director of the construction law section. He is also a member of the Wichita County Bar Association and the American Bar Association. He is a member and former director of the College of the State Bar of Texas. Judge Roach is board certified in commercial real estate and residential real estate by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization.

Judge Roach and his wife Sharon have two sons.

**CURRENT  
COURT UNIT  
EXECUTIVES**

***KAREN SUBLETT MITCHELL, Clerk of Court***

BORN: 1965, in San Fernando, California

LAW SCHOOL: Baylor University School of Law

FEDERAL JUDICIARY SERVICE: 1995-present

HEADQUARTERS OFFICE: Dallas, Texas

Karen S. Mitchell began serving as United States District Clerk pursuant to an order of the chief judge on June 16, 2000. She was subsequently appointed by the full court to that position on January 26, 2001.

Ms. Mitchell is a graduate of Abilene Christian University (B.A. 1986) and Baylor University School of Law (J.D. 1990). Prior to her appointment as clerk, Ms. Mitchell served the court as director of judicial operations and then as chief deputy clerk. Ms. Mitchell held management positions with the University of Texas System and the Texas A&M University System before joining the court. Prior to that, she was a pre-hearing examiner for the Texas Workers' Compensation Commission.

Ms. Mitchell is a member of the State Bar of Texas, International Association for Court Administration, DFW Federal Executive Board, and is a fellow of the Texas Bar Foundation. She is also a member of the Federal Bar Association and serves on the executive committee of the Dallas chapter. She chairs the executive board of the clerks council of the Federal Court Clerks Association and is a member and past chair of the Local Federal Coordinating Committee for the Combined Federal Campaign. She has served on several Federal Judicial Center advisory committees and as faculty for FJC courses. She speaks annually at federal practice seminars for the State Bar of Texas, Federal Bar Association, and Dallas Area Young Lawyers. She is also a member of the ACU Department of Political Science Visiting Committee.

Ms. Mitchell and her husband William have two sons and two daughters.

**GORDON RAY OKADA, Chief Probation Officer**

BORN: 1952, in Detroit, Michigan

GRADUATE SCHOOL: University of Detroit

FEDERAL JUDICIARY SERVICE: 1978-present

HEADQUARTERS OFFICE: Dallas, Texas

Gordon R. Okada was appointed Chief United States Probation Officer by the court on October 18, 2005.

Mr. Okada is a graduate of Michigan State University (B.S. 1974) and the University of Detroit (M.S. 1976). Mr. Okada started his career in corrections work as a parole and probation agent with the Michigan Department of Corrections in 1975. He became a probation officer in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan in June of 1978 and transferred to the Northern District of Texas in 1982. He was promoted to supervisor in 1989, to assistant deputy chief in 1995, and to deputy chief in 1996.

Mr. Okada is a member of the Federal Probation and Pretrial Officers Association and serves on numerous Administrative Office and Federal Judicial Center working groups. He has been the commencement speaker for the graduates at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center for newly appointed probation and pretrial services officers. He is chairman of the elder board at his local church and has conducted weekly church services at a local nursing home for the past 23 years. On most Saturdays he can be found riding his bicycle for Team Lone Star, an organization that raises support and awareness for AIDS research and public assistance.

Mr. Okada and his wife Jan have two sons and two daughters.



# **FORMER CLERKS OF COURT**



**JOHN HOLLINGSWORTH FINKS, Clerk of Court 1879-1906**

John Hollingsworth Finks was appointed by Judge Andrew P. McCormick as the first United States District Clerk for the Northern District of Texas in 1879. Prior to being appointed clerk, Mr. Finks worked as an Associated Press representative, newspaper correspondent for the *Galveston News*, and editorial writer for a number of papers throughout the Southwest. Mr. Finks also served as a United States commissioner and was successful in several business enterprises, including oil field development in Corsicana and Beaumont.

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**LOUIS C. MAYNARD, Clerk of Court 1906-1925**

Louis C. Maynard was appointed United States District Clerk by Judge Edward R. Meek on May 18, 1906. Mr. Maynard followed John McBain who had been appointed to the position on May 6, 1906, but had to resign because business interests made it impracticable for him to serve as clerk.

Mr. Maynard was a graduate of Harvard University School of Law. He was a member of the law firm of Hancock & Maynard at the time of his appointment.

Mr. Maynard was married to the former Margaret Montgomery. He died while in office on February 7, 1925, in Dallas at the age of 53.



**GEORGE W. PARKER, Clerk of Court 1925-1956**

George W. Parker was appointed United States District Clerk by the court on February 11, 1925. He served thirty-one years, longer than any other district clerk in the Northern District.

Prior to his appointment, Mr. Parker had served in many roles in the federal judiciary, including United States commissioner at Fort Worth. Mr. Parker observed his 61st year as a federal employee when he retired on October 31, 1956. At that time he was 93 years old, the oldest district clerk in the nation.

Mr. Parker died on December 27, 1957, in Fort Worth at the age of 94. He had four children.



**JOHN A. LOWTHER, Clerk of Court 1956-1965**

John A. Lowther was appointed United States District Clerk by the court on November 1, 1956. Mr. Lowther was a graduate of Texas Christian University and the University of Texas School of Law. During World War II, he was a commissioned officer in the Judge Advocate General's Corps at the Pentagon. Mr. Lowther practiced in a private law firm in Fort Worth until 1954. He then served as an assistant United States attorney in Fort Worth until his appointment as clerk. Mr. Lowther was a member of the State Bar of Texas, Tarrant County Bar Association, and Dallas Bar Association.

Mr. Lowther was married to the former Elberta Pipkin, and they had one son and one daughter. Mr. Lowther died while in office on January 31, 1965, in Dallas at the age of 54.



**RAMELLE HAMILTON, Clerk of Court 1965-1967**

Ramelle Hamilton was sworn in as United States District Clerk on February 11, 1965. Ms. Hamilton was only the eighth female to be appointed as a district clerk in the country and the first in the Northern District of Texas. She studied liberal arts in the United States and Europe. At the time of her appointment, she had been a federal employee since 1922 and had served as a courtroom deputy clerk to both Judge Atwell and Judge Estes. She served as chief deputy clerk for the district from July 1964 until her appointment as clerk.

Ms. Hamilton was unmarried and had no children. She died while in office on



**BAILEY F. RANKIN, Clerk of Court 1967-1971**

Bailey Rankin was appointed United States District Clerk by the court on March 27, 1967. Mr. Rankin was a graduate of Southern Methodist University and Southern Methodist University School of Law. Following law school, Mr. Rankin had a private law practice in Dallas, followed by five years of service with the Small Business Administration. He then served as an assistant United States attorney in Dallas from 1965 to 1967. Mr. Rankin resigned as clerk in January 1971, when he was appointed to a newly created United States magistrate position at Dallas.

Mr. Rankin was a member of the State Bar of Texas and a member and former president of the Federal Bar Association.

He and his first wife, the former Lennadale Boyd, had two sons. He later married Geneva Allen, and they had one daughter. Mr. Rankin died on May 30, 2002, in Fremont, California.



**JOSEPH MCELROY, JR., Clerk of Court, 1971-1983**

Joseph McElroy was appointed United States District Clerk by the court on January 20, 1971. Mr. McElroy attended Texas A&M University and then enlisted in the United States Navy where he spent more than two years as a fighter pilot. Following his military service, Mr. McElroy earned a law degree from Southern Methodist University School of Law in 1958. He became a law clerk for Judge Joe Estes immediately following law school. He then served as an assistant United States attorney in Dallas. He was assistant regional counsel for the General Services Administration in Fort Worth when he was appointed clerk.

Mr. McElroy married the former Lillian Valek. They had eight sons and four daughters. Mr. McElroy died on February 14, 1986, in Arlington at the age of 61.



**NANCY HALL DOHERTY, Clerk of Court 1983-2000**

Nancy Doherty was appointed United States District Clerk by the court on January 22, 1983. Ms. Doherty was a graduate of Texas Christian University (B.A. 1965). Prior to her appointment as clerk, Ms. Doherty was director of administrative services for the Los Angeles Superior Court and prior to that she was assistant executive officer for the Alameda Superior Court in Oakland. She also worked in court management positions in Gulfport, Mississippi, and Houston, Texas.

Ms. Doherty was a fellow of the Institute for Court Management and served as a faculty member for the Federal Judicial Center and the Administrative Office of the United States Courts. She served on numerous judiciary-related committees during her career. She chaired the Dallas/Fort Worth Federal Executive Board from 1989-1990, served on the board of directors for Leadership Dallas Alumni Association, and was a member of Executive Women of Dallas, the Federal Court Clerks Association, National Center for State Courts, Dallas Women's Foundation, and TCU Dallas Regional Council.

Ms. Doherty married Mike Hall, and they had one daughter. She later married Ralph Doherty. Ms. Doherty died while in office on June 16, 2000, in Dallas at the age of 56.



**FORMER  
CHIEF PROBATION  
OFFICERS**



**JOHN ALDERMAN, Chief Probation Officer, 1932 - 1950**

John Alderman was appointed by the court as the first Chief United States Probation Officer for the Northern District of Texas on December 5, 1932. Mr. Alderman came to the district on November 10, 1930, as the first salaried probation officer. Two years later, a second salaried officer was added. Mr. Alderman served as chief from 1932 until his retirement on August 9, 1950.



**ELMER REED, Chief Probation Officer, 1950 - 1963**

Elmer Reed was appointed Chief United States Probation Officer by the court on August 10, 1950. Prior to his appointment, Mr. Reed had been elected sheriff of Crosby County, Texas, at age 23, one of the youngest sheriffs in United States history. Later, Mr. Reed served two years as a deputy United States marshal before being appointed a probation officer on June 23, 1937. Mr. Reed served as chief from 1950 until his retirement on August 9, 1963.



**ROGER CARROLL, Chief Probation Officer, 1963 - 1980**

Roger Carroll was appointed Chief United States Probation Officer by the court on August 10, 1963. He obtained a bachelor's degree from Texas Christian University and a master's degree from Southern Methodist University. He was serving as a history teacher in the Dallas Independent School District when he was appointed a probation officer on June 6, 1960. Mr. Carroll served as chief from 1963 until his retirement on June 6, 1980.



**AL HAVENSTRITE, Chief Probation Officer, 1980 - 1993**

Al Havenstrite was appointed Chief United States Probation Officer by the court on June 9, 1980. He obtained a bachelor's degree from Oklahoma State University and a master's degree from Sam Houston State University. He was employed as a state parole officer at Fort Worth, Texas, at the time of his appointment as a probation officer on November 5, 1965. He became the first supervisor in the district in 1974 and the first deputy chief in 1975. Mr. Havenstrite served as chief from 1980 until his retirement on May 31, 1993.

**DON HARDAWAY, Chief Probation Officer, 1993 - 1998**

Don Hardaway was appointed Chief United States Probation Officer by the court on June 14, 1993. He obtained his bachelor's degree in psychology and master's degree in criminal justice from the University of Texas at Arlington. He was employed as a state rehabilitation counselor at the time of his appointment as a probation officer on November 28, 1974. Mr. Hardaway was promoted to supervisor in 1983 and deputy chief in 1987. Mr. Hardaway served as chief from 1993 until his retirement on July 3, 1998.

**ED B. REYNA, JR., Chief Pretrial Services Officer, 1998 - 2005**

Ed Reyna was appointed Chief United States Pretrial Services Officer by the court on September 14, 1998. He obtained his bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Sam Houston State University and master's degree in psychology and law from Southern Methodist University. He was employed by Texas Department of Corrections from 1970 to 1971 and Dallas County Juvenile Probation Office from 1971 to 1975. He became a probation officer in November 1975. He joined pretrial services as an officer when that office was split from probation in October 1996. Mr. Reyna served as chief of pretrial services from September 14, 1998 until his retirement on December 9, 2005. After Mr. Reyna's retirement, the court merged pretrial services back with probation.

**ROBERT WETHERHOLT, Chief Pretrial Services Officer, 1996-1998; Chief Probation Officer, 1998 - 2005**

Robert Wetherholt was appointed by the court to be the first Chief United States Pretrial Services Officer in the district's newly-formed Pretrial Services Office on October 1, 1996. He then was appointed Chief United States Probation Officer by the court on August 3, 1998. Mr. Wetherholt obtained his bachelor's degree from Wayne State University in Detroit, Michigan. He began his career in corrections work as a parole and probation agent with the Michigan Department of Corrections in 1973. In 1977, he started as a probation officer in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan and then transferred to the Northern District of Texas in 1981. He was promoted to supervisor in 1987. Mr. Wetherholt served as chief of the Probation Office from 1998 until his retirement on June 30, 2005.

**FORMER  
MAGISTRATES AND  
COMMISSIONERS**

## **Commissioners and Magistrates**

<u><b>Name</b></u>	<u><b>Division</b></u>	<u><b>Dates of Service</b></u>	<u><b>Title</b></u>
Patrick H. Mulloy, Jr. ....	Dallas .....	1971-1979 .....	F/T Magistrate
Bailey F. Rankin .....	Dallas .....	1971-1979 .....	F/T Magistrate
John W. Weeks .....	Abilene .....	1980-1986 .....	P/T Magistrate
Joanne Strauss .....	Abilene .....	1971-1972 .....	P/T Magistrate
Gene Richie .....	Wichita Falls .....	1971-1979 .....	P/T Magistrate
Robert R. Sanders .....	Amarillo .....	1971-1987 .....	P/T Magistrate
Bill H. Brister .....	Lubbock .....	1971-1984 .....	P/T Magistrate
Bill Adkins .....	Fort Worth .....	1964-1971 .....	Commissioner
Clyde Emery .....	Dallas .....	1968-1971 .....	Commissioner
Sam Daugherty .....	Dallas .....	1967-1969 .....	Commissioner
W.E. (Bill) Smith .....	Dallas .....	1966-1967 .....	Commissioner
William Madden Hill .....	Dallas .....	1945-1966 .....	Commissioner
Gladys Wall .....	Abilene .....	1953-1971 .....	Commissioner
John Davis .....	Dallas .....	1937-1945 .....	Commissioner

### **Commissioners whose terms of service began prior to 1931:**

<u><b>Name</b></u>	<u><b>Division</b></u>
Lee R. Smith .....	Dallas
Lois Newam .....	Fort Worth
Rive McGrew .....	Fort Worth
Melville Peters .....	Wichita Falls
Jewell Seales .....	Amarillo
L.G. Spencer .....	Amarillo
Rollie Scales .....	Amarillo
J.W. "Daddy" Flynn .....	Fort Worth
B.V. Gibson .....	Fort Worth
R.H. Vogel .....	Dallas
George Parker .....	Fort Worth
R.V. Davidson, Jr. ....	Dallas
John A. Lantz .....	Wichita Falls

**Commissioners whose terms of service began prior to 1931 (cont'd):**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Division</u>
Jesse T. Couch.....	San Angelo
Carl W. Wade .....	Fort Worth
George W. Mitchell .....	Fort Worth
N.A. Dodge .....	Fort Worth
A.W. May .....	Dallas
Jas. B. Keating.....	San Angelo
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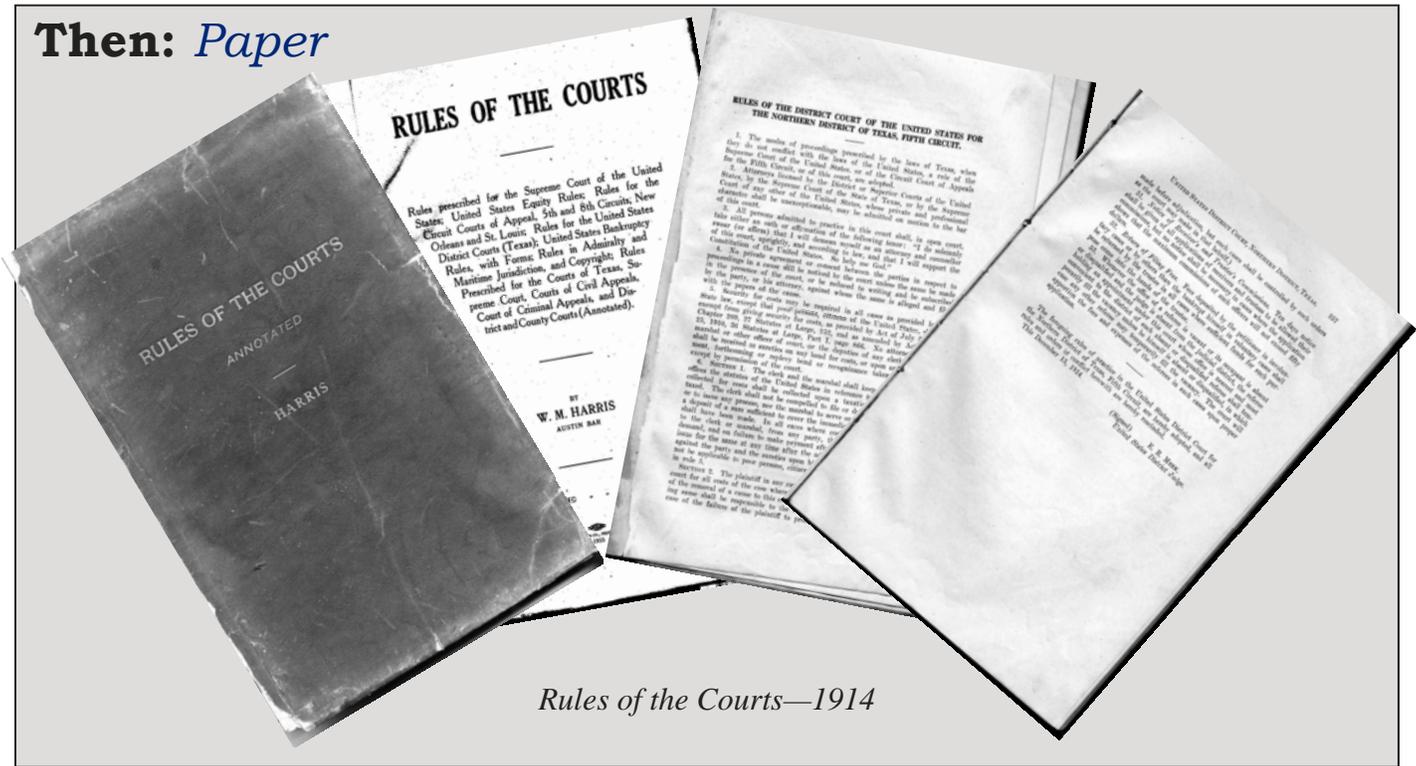


**- THEN AND NOW -**

**UNITED STATES  
DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT  
OF TEXAS**

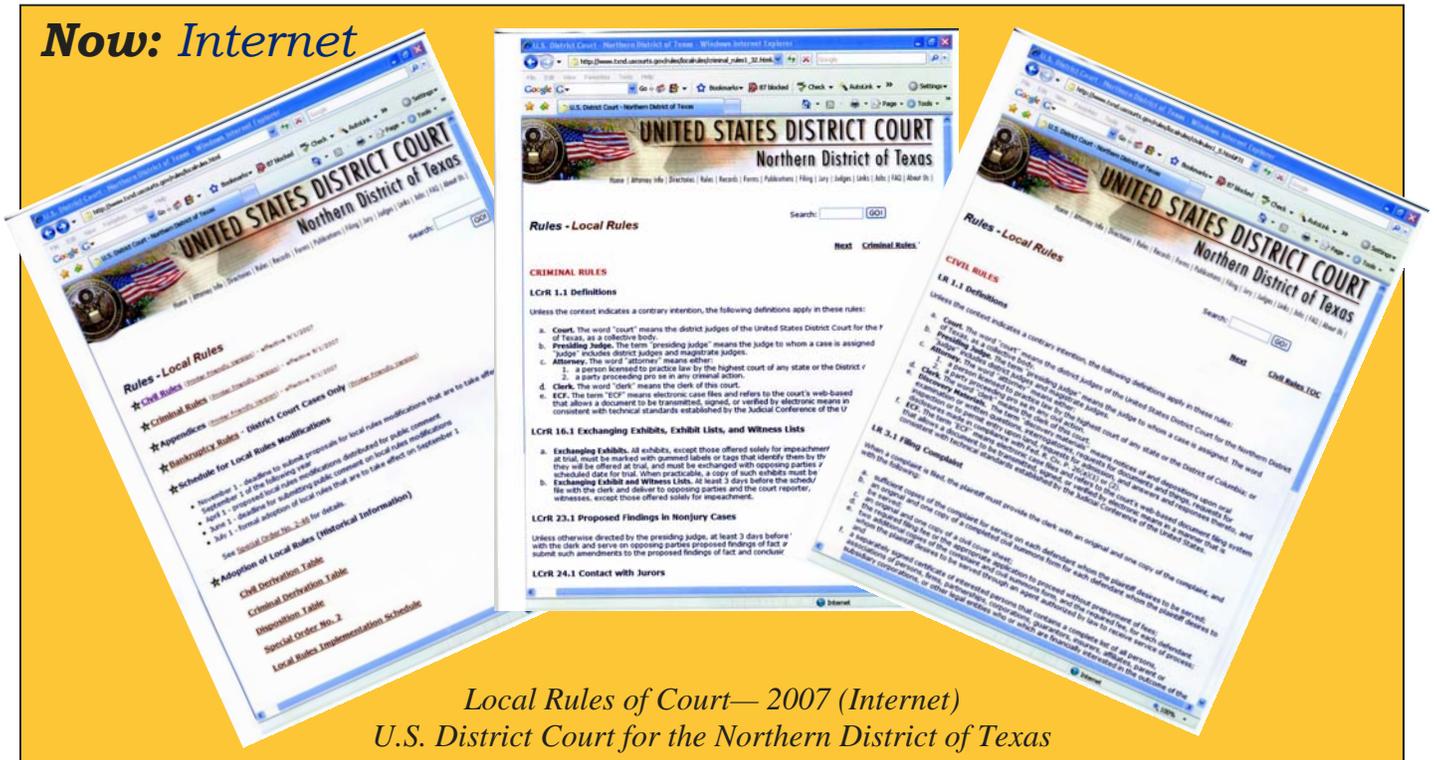
# COURT RULES

Then: Paper



Rules of the Courts—1914

Now: Internet



Local Rules of Court— 2007 (Internet)  
U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Texas

## FILING AND DOCKETING

### Then: *Typewriter*



*Oliver Typewriter,  
1912 model*



*Underwood Typewriter,  
1913 model*

### Now: *Personal Computer*



*Desktop PC, 2007 model*

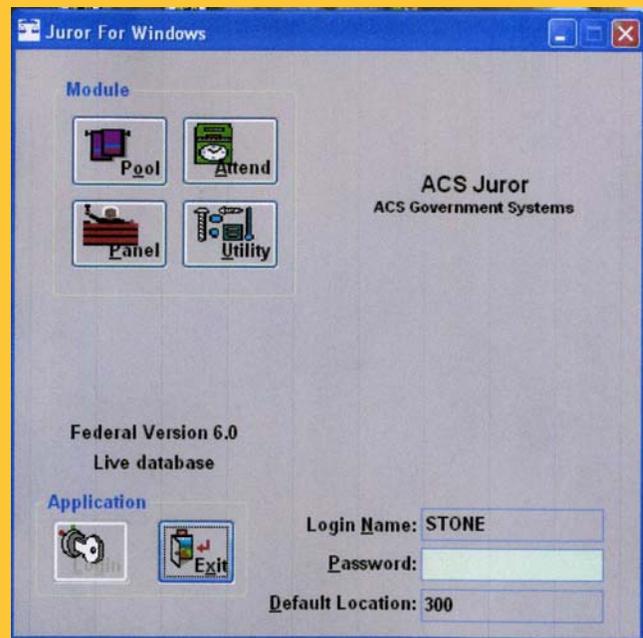
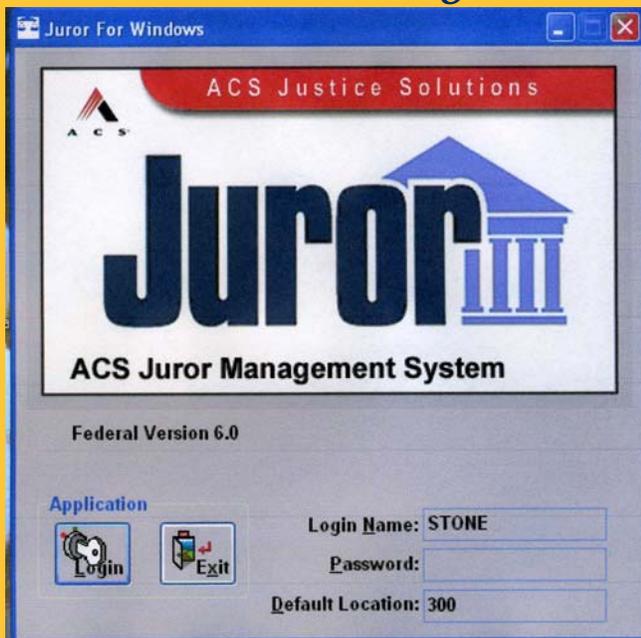
## JURY SELECTION

**Then:** *Jury Box with Paper Cards*



*Manual Jury Wheel Box and Cards, 1950s*

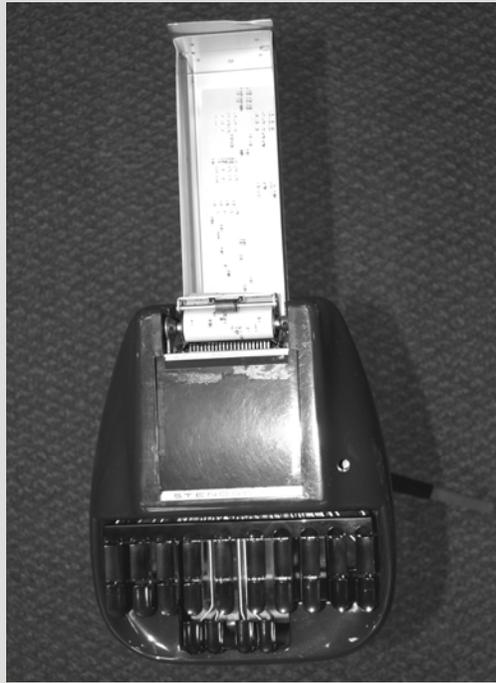
**Now:** *Electronic Jury Wheel*



*Electronic Jury Wheel—ACS Juror Management System, 2007*

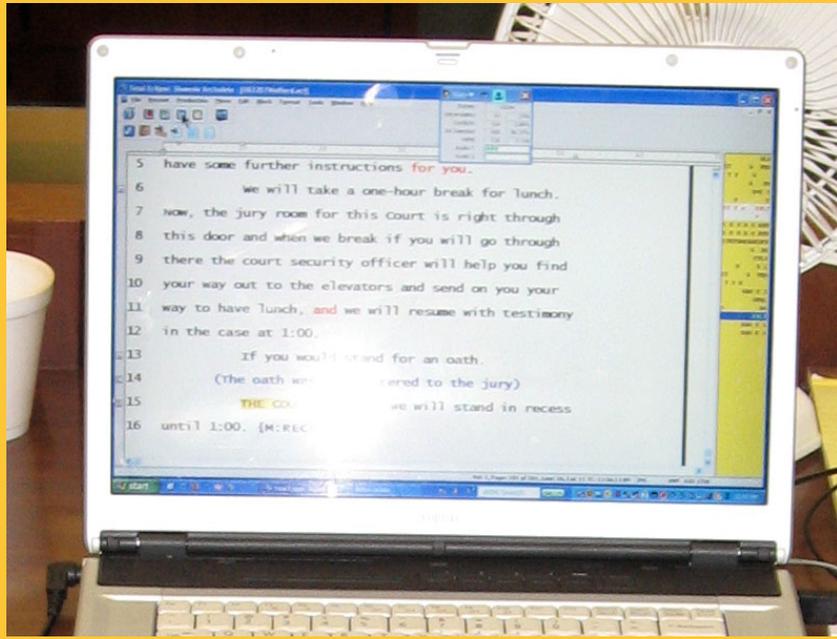
# COURT REPORTING

## **Then:** *Stenograph Cards*



*Stenograph — 1939*

## **Now:** *Realtime*



*Realtime Reporting System — 2007*

## NATURALIZATION

**Then:** *Greer Garson, aka “Mrs. Miniver”*



*Film actress **Greer Garson** signing citizenship papers at a naturalization ceremony in Federal Court in Abilene, Texas on April 11, 1951. Looking on is Clerk of Court, George W. Parker.*

**Now:** *Peter Mayhew, aka Chewbacca from “Star Wars”*

*Film actor **Peter Mayhew**, center back, following his naturalization ceremony in Fort Worth on October 17, 2005. With him are staff members of the U.S. District Court and Immigration and Naturalization Services.*



## CASE ASSIGNMENT

**Then:** *Paper Card Deck Box with Paper Cards*



*Case Assignment by Manual Card Deck (1990)*

**Now:** *Computerized Random Draw*

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*Case Assignment by Electronic Random Draw (2007)*



## PORTRAIT PRESENTATION

### **Then:** *Judge Wilson*

*On May 14, 1941,  
a group of local attorneys  
presented a portrait of  
Judge James C. Wilson  
to the court. Judge Wilson  
stands third from the left.*



### **Now:** *Judge Mahon*

*On October 6, 1989,  
Judge Eldon B. Mahon and his  
wife Nova Lee wait to greet  
friends  
after the unveiling of  
his portrait in Fort Worth.  
Lubbock artist Paul Milosevich  
took a month  
to complete the painting.*



## HIGH PROFILE CASES

The subject matter of some of the criminal indictments and civil complaints filed in the Northern District of Texas changed dramatically from 1879 to 2007. Judge McCormick never heard of a cybercrime or listened to a patent dispute over some computer component. Likewise, our current judges have not presided over train robbery cases or disputes involving Indian territory. Nevertheless, the same dedication to the rule of law and to ensuring that justice is served exists today as it did in 1879.

Of the hundreds of thousands of cases heard in the Northern District of Texas, some have captured the attention of the media and the public more than others. Examples of some high profile cases of their time are listed in the table below. Information about these cases is available on the court's website at [www.txnd.uscourts.gov](http://www.txnd.uscourts.gov) under the "About Us" menu option.

### 1800s

USA v. Logan, et al., No. 263  
West v. Cabell, No. 258

### 1900s

Stevenson v Tyson, et al., No. 4-1640  
Roe v. Wade, No. 3-3690  
Flax, et al. v. Potts, et al., No. 4-4205  
Tasby v. Dallas Independent School District, No. 3-4211  
SEC v. National Bankers Life Ins. Co., et al., No. 3-4432  
Taylor, et al. v. Sterrett, et al., No. 3-5220  
City of Dallas, et al. v. Southwest Airlines, Co., No. 3-5927  
RAJ, et al. v. Gilbert, et al., No. 3:74cv394  
USA v. Estes, No. 3:79cr44, No. 3:79cr45, and No. 3:79cr46  
Walker, et al. v. City of Mesquite, et al., No. 3:85cv1210  
FDIC v. Faulkner, et al., No. 3:85cv2360 and No. 3:97cv324  
Lelsz v. Kavanagh, No. 3:85cv2462  
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The City of Farmers Branch, No. 3:06cv2371  
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# **COURTHOUSES**



**U.S. Courthouse — Abilene, Texas**  
*(1903-1935)*



**U.S. Courthouse — Abilene, Texas**  
*(1936-present)*



**U.S. Courthouse — Amarillo, Texas**  
*(1916-1938)*



**U.S. Courthouse — Amarillo, Texas**  
*(1938-present)*



**U.S. Courthouse — Dallas, Texas**  
*(1888-1930)*



**U.S. Post Office and Courthouse — Dallas, Texas**  
*(1930-1971)*



**Earle Cabell Federal Building and Courthouse — Dallas, Texas**  
*(1971-present)*

[Earle Cabell was mayor of Dallas 1961-1964 and U.S. Representative for the 5th Congressional District of Texas 1965-1973.]



**U.S. Post Office and Courthouse — Fort Worth, Texas**  
*(1896-1934)*



**Eldon B. Mahon U.S. Courthouse — Fort Worth, Texas**  
*(1934-present)*

[Eldon B. Mahon was U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of Texas 1964-1972 and U.S. District Judge for the Northern District of Texas 1972-2005.]



**Lubbock Post Office and Federal Building — Lubbock, Texas**  
*(1932-1968)*



**George H. Mahon Federal Building and Courthouse — Lubbock, Texas**  
*(1968-present)*

[George H. Mahon served as District Attorney for the 32nd Judicial District 1928-1932 and U.S. Representative for the 19th Congressional District of Texas 1934-1978.]



**U.S. Post Office and Courthouse—San Angelo, Texas**  
*(1911-present)*



**U.S. Post Office and Courthouse — Wichita Falls, Texas**  
*(1933-present)*



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NORTHERN DISTRICT  
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1898-1939



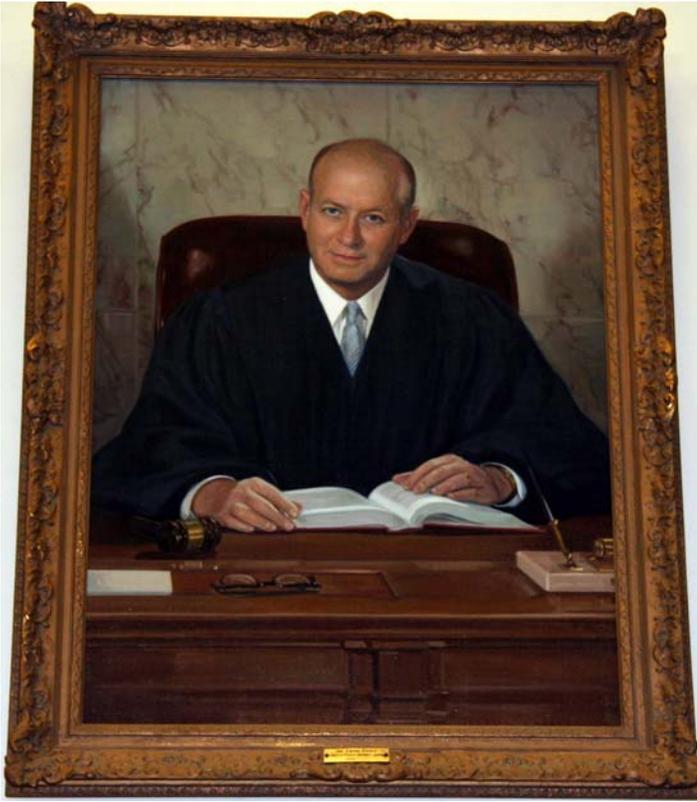
*James C. Wilson*  
1919-1951



*William H. Atwell*  
1923-1961



*T. Whitfield Davidson*  
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*Joe Ewing Estes*  
1955-1989



*Leo Brewster*  
1961-1979



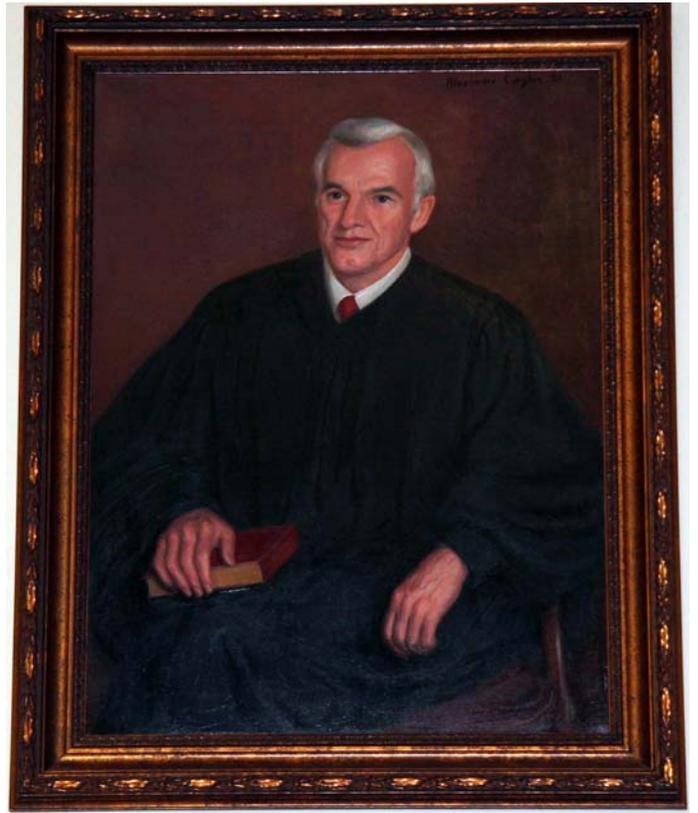
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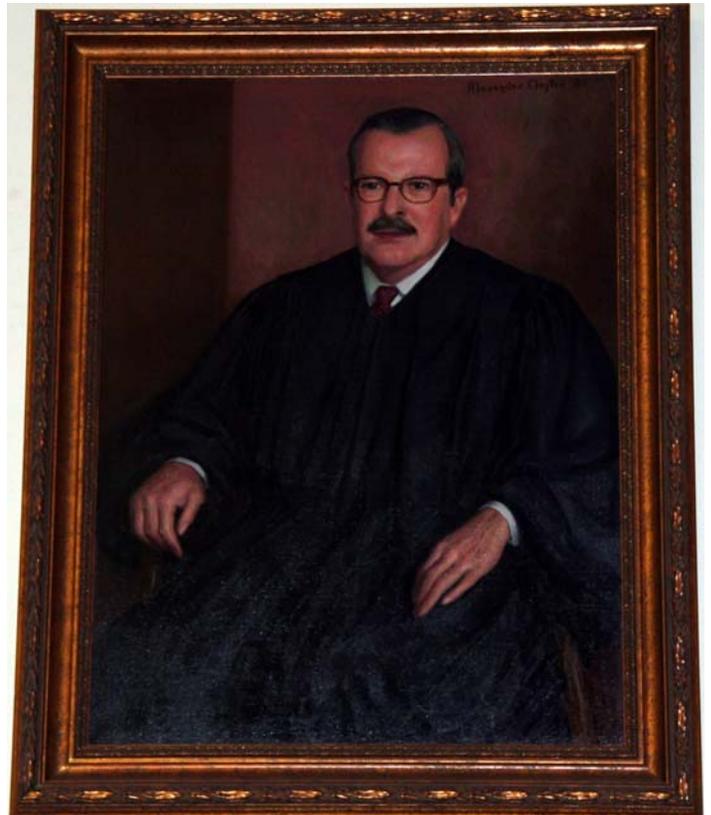
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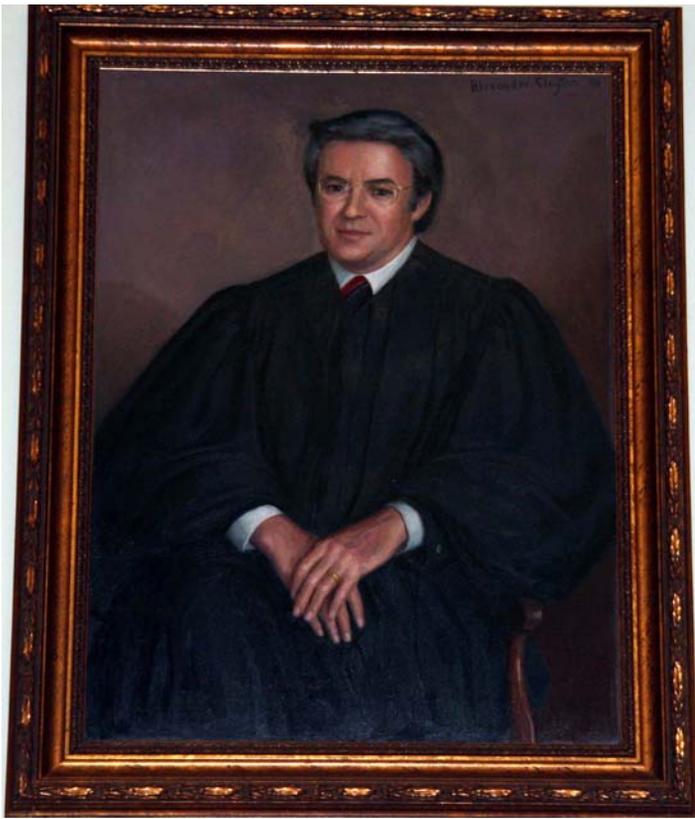
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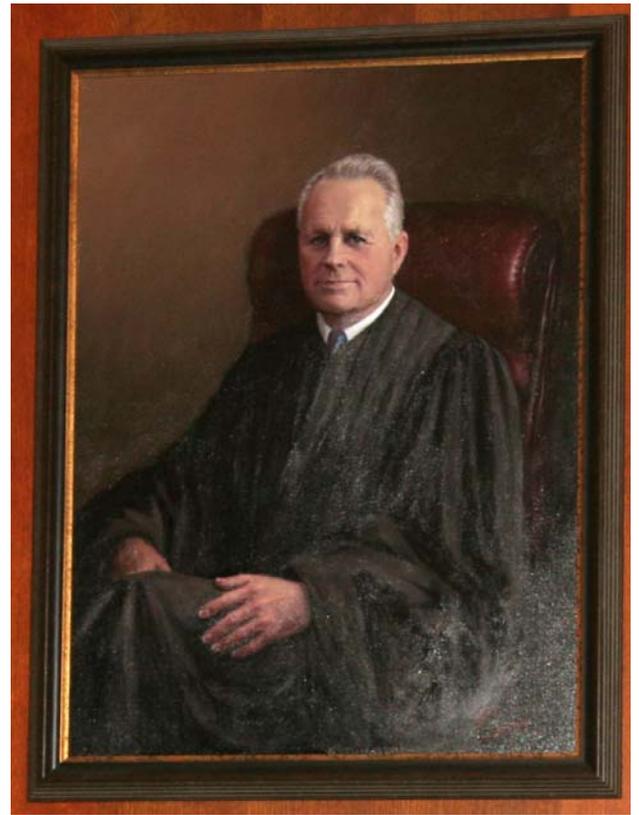
*Eldon B. Mahon*  
1972-2005



*Robert W. Porter*  
1974-1991



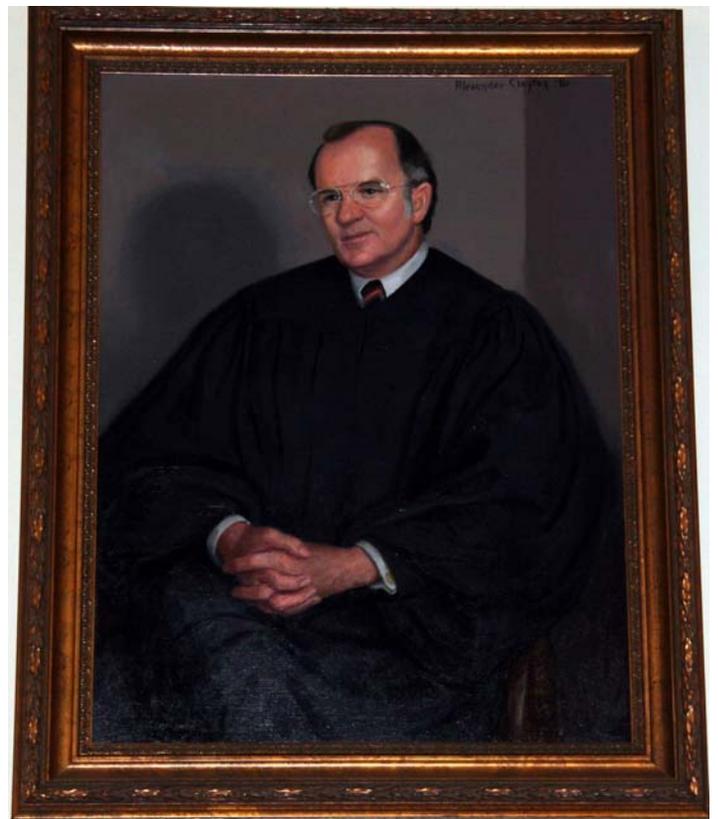
*Patrick E. Higginbotham*  
1975-1982



*David O. Belew*  
1979-2001



*H. Barefoot Sanders, Jr.*  
1979-present



*Jerry Buchmeyer*  
1979-present



*A. Joe Fish  
1983-present*



*Joe Kendall  
1992-2002*



*Barbara M. G. Lynn  
2000-present*



*Jane Boyle  
2004-present*

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