

## 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.*

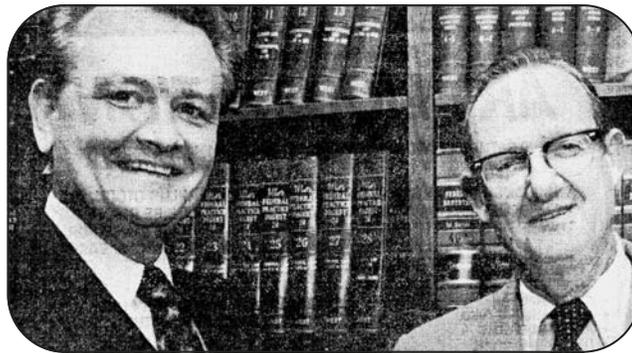


*Judge Hughes administers the oath of office to President Lyndon B. Johnson aboard Air Force One on November 22, 1963.*

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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



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*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.

May Special Term, Friday, May 23, 1879

Commission of  
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—Rutherford B. Hayes—  
President of the United States of America

To all who shall see these presents, greeting.

Men, Be that respecting 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.

signed R. B. Hayes  
By the President

(signed) A. N. Sevard  
Acting Secretary of State

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

# DEMOGRAPHICS

The Northern District now, in 2007, encompasses more than 96,000 square miles. The Northern District has remained in its present configuration since 1902, when the Waco Division was transferred from the Northern District to the Western District.

The Northern District has a total of one hundred counties. The division with the largest number of counties is the Amarillo division, which has a total of twenty-six counties. The Lubbock division consists of nineteen counties, and the San Angelo division has fifteen counties. Abilene has thirteen counties, and the Wichita Falls division has twelve counties. Fort Worth consists of eight counties, and Dallas has seven counties.

