

**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.