



UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS

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DALLAS, TX – On March 7, 2018, Karen Gren Scholer was sworn in by Chief Judge Barbara M.G. Lynn to serve as United States District Judge for the Northern District of Texas. A formal investiture ceremony for Judge Scholer will be held at a later date.

Judge Scholer has repeatedly been recognized as one of the top lawyers in Texas, having been selected for inclusion in Thomson Reuters' *Super Lawyers*® (Texas) and *D Magazine*'s Best Lawyer lists since 2011. Judge Scholer also has been recognized by The Best Lawyers in America since 2012. She has been identified as one of the Top 50 Women Lawyers in Texas by Thomson Reuters' *Super Lawyers*®, and she has received the highest rating possible of AV Preeminent™ (5.0 out of 5) Peer Review Rating by Martindale-Hubbell.

Immediately prior to her appointment to the federal bench, Judge Scholer was the co-managing partner of Carter Scholer, where her practice focused on complex business, tort, and other civil litigation. She was previously a partner at the law firm of Jones Day.

Judge Scholer is also an experienced judicial officer, having served as a highly rated state district judge for eight years, presiding over thousands of civil cases, including more than 100 cases tried to jury verdict. During her time on the state bench, Judge Scholer served as Presiding Judge of the Dallas County civil district judges and was appointed by the Supreme Court of Texas to serve as a multidistrict

litigation judge. In 2013, after she left the state court bench, the Governor of the State of Texas appointed her to serve as a temporary Justice on the Texas Tenth Court of Appeals.

Before being elected state district judge in 2000, and re-elected in 2004, Judge Scholer spent 18 years in private practice. She became a partner at her first law firm, Strasburger & Price, in 1989, six years after joining the firm as an associate. She was also a partner at Andrews & Kurth.

Judge Scholer received a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1979 from Rice University and a Juris Doctor degree from Cornell University Law School in 1982. She has received numerous honors and distinctions for professional excellence from legal and community organizations, including the Dallas Women Lawyers Association Louise B. Raggio Award, the Dallas Asian American Bar Association Lifetime Achievement Award, the Dallas-Fort Worth Asian American Citizens Council Civil Servant of the Year Award, the Greater Dallas Asian American Chamber of Commerce Judicial Excellence Award, and the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association Trailblazer Award.

Judge Scholer is a former chair and Life Benefactor Fellow of the Dallas Bar Foundation. She has served on the Board of Directors for the Association of Rice Alumni and the Cornell Law Association Executive Board from 2003 to 2007. She has served as co-chair of Attorneys Serving the Community and in leadership positions in the Dallas Bar Association and the Litigation Council for the State Bar of Texas.

Judge Scholer is the first Asian American United States district judge ever to serve within the State of Texas or the entire Fifth Circuit. She is a first-generation Japanese American and second-generation Polish American, born in Tokyo, Japan, to a Japanese mother (who became a naturalized U.S. citizen) and American father (who was a decorated paratrooper in World War II).

Judge Scholer is married and has three adult sons, two of whom are graduates of the University of Texas and one of whom is currently a junior at the University of Notre Dame.

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