



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



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DALLAS, TX – District Judge Barbara M.G. Lynn will become the Chief Judge of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Texas beginning May 1, 2016. She will replace Chief Judge Jorge Solis, who will retire from the bench after more than twenty-four years of service as a federal district judge. Judge Lynn will become the fourteenth judge and the first female to hold the position of chief judge.

Judge Lynn has been a federal district judge since November 22, 1999. She was nominated by President William J. Clinton to fill a seat vacated by Harold Barefoot Sanders, Jr. A *summa cum laude* graduate of the University of Virginia, Judge Lynn graduated first in her class at SMU's Dedman School of Law in 1976. Upon her graduation from law school, she joined the Dallas law firm of Carrington, Coleman, Sloman & Blumenthal, LLP, and remained there until she took the bench.

Judge Lynn has served as the Chair of the American Bar Association's Section of Litigation and of its Judicial Division. She received the Distinguished Alumni Award for private practice from SMU's Dedman School of Law in 1999 and was the first recipient of the Louise Raggio award given by the Dallas Women Lawyers Association for her contributions to the profession. She was listed in the Best Lawyers in America in Business Litigation from 1994-99 and was designated by the National Law Journal in 1998 as one of the fifty most influential women attorneys in the country. In 2004, Judge Lynn was recognized as Judge of the Year by the Dallas Chapter of the American Board of Trial Advocates. 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. In 2010, she was

recognized by the International Womens Forum with the Women Who Make A Difference Award. In 2011, a new American Inn of Court chapter in Dallas, dedicated to intellectual property, was chartered and was designated by its founding members as The Honorable Barbara M.G. Lynn American Inn of Court. Judge Lynn was the recipient of the 2012 Dallas Bar Foundation Fellows Award and the 2012 Athena Award from the Dallas Regional Chamber.

Judge Lynn chaired the Committee on the Administration of the Bankruptcy System of the Judicial Conference of the United States and the Dallas Chapter of the International Women's Forum. Judge Lynn is a member, and was President, of the Patrick E. Higginbotham Inn of Court, and she is an American Inn of Court Foundation board member. She is a member of the Executive Board at SMU's Dedman School of Law, a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers, and a member of the American Law Institute. She is also a judicial advisor to the Sedona Conference working groups 9 and 10 on patent litigation.

Judge Lynn is married to Michael P. Lynn, a Dallas trial lawyer at Lynn Pinker Cox & Hurst LLP. They have two daughters and two granddaughters.