



UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS



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DALLAS, TX – Former United States Magistrate Judge John B. Tolle passed away on Sunday, January 28, 2024. He was 90 years old.

Judge Tolle served in the United States Army from 1954 to 1956. Following his military service, he earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Notre Dame in 1959. In 1966, he graduated from Southern Methodist University School of Law with his law degree. He initially worked in private practice with Robert B. Billings from 1966 to 1967, and as a sole practitioner from 1967 to 1968. His career in government began at the Dallas County district attorney's office, where he was hired as an assistant prosecutor in 1968. There, he rose to chief of the appellate section in 1969 and head of the federal and civil sections in 1972. He held this position with Dallas County until he was appointed as a United States Magistrate Judge on March 19, 1979. Judge Tolle served the court with distinction for nineteen years, retiring on March 1, 1998.