



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



**-- News Release --**

**FORT WORTH, TX** – District Judge Reed Charles O'Connor will become Chief Judge of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas on August 18, 2025. Judge O'Connor graduated *summa cum laude* from South Texas College of Law, where he was a member of the South Texas Law Review. He began his professional career in 1989 as an associate with Vinson & Elkins in Houston. From 1994 to 1998, Judge O'Connor served as an Assistant District Attorney for the Tarrant County District Attorney's Office, and he served as an Assistant United States Attorney for the Northern District of Texas in the Fort Worth Division from 1998 to 2003. In 2003, the Department of Justice detailed Judge O'Connor to serve as Counsel to the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee in Washington, D.C., advising then-Chairman Orrin Hatch on various criminal and constitutional policy issues. The Department of Justice detailed him again in 2005 to serve as Chief Counsel to the Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security, and Citizenship. In his role as Chief Counsel, he worked with Senator John Cornyn and the Subcommittee on a wide range of immigration policy matters. Judge O'Connor was nominated to a federal district judgeship by President George W. Bush in June 2007. He was confirmed and received his commission in November 2007. He has been a member of the Committee on the Judicial Branch of the Judicial Conference of the United States, the policymaking body for the federal judiciary, since 2009. Judge O'Connor and his wife, Tammy Herrin, have two grown daughters.