

*THOSE  
WHO SERVE*

**CURRENT  
MAGISTRATE  
JUDGES**

***WILLIAM FLETCHER SANDERSON, JR.***

BORN: 1943, in Battlecreek, Michigan

LAW SCHOOL: University of Texas School of Law

FEDERAL JUDICIAL SERVICE: 1979-present

CHAMBERS LOCATION: Dallas, Texas

William F. Sanderson, Jr. was sworn in as United States Magistrate Judge for the Northern District of Texas on March 19, 1979.

Judge Sanderson graduated from Vanderbilt University (B.A. 1965) and the University of Texas School of Law (J.D. 1968). Judge Sanderson began his professional career with the Dallas city attorney's office in 1968. Shortly thereafter, he became an Assistant United States Attorney in Dallas. He served in that capacity from 1969 to 1977. In 1977, Judge Sanderson moved to Midland, Texas, where he became an associate with the law firm of Stubbeman, McRae, Sealy, Laughlin, & Browder. He returned to Dallas when he was appointed as a United States Magistrate for the Northern District of Texas in 1979.

Judge Sanderson has been an active member of the Federal Magistrate Judges Association for many years and was elected president of the association in 1991. He also served for six years on the Judicial Conference Committee on the Administrative Office.

Judge Sanderson is a member of the State Bar of Texas, the Dallas Bar Association and the William "Mac" Taylor American Inn of Court. He is a life fellow of the Texas Bar Foundation and a fellow of the Dallas Bar Foundation. He is a member of the Northpark Presbyterian Church, the Rotary Club of Dallas and the Dallas Opera Guild of which he and his wife were past co-presidents.

Judge Sanderson and his wife Sandra have one son and one daughter.

***CLINTON EDWARD AVERITTE***

BORN: 1948, in Fort Worth, Texas

LAW SCHOOL: Southern Methodist University School of Law

FEDERAL JUDICIAL SERVICE: 1987-present

CHAMBERS LOCATION: Amarillo, Texas

Clinton E. Averitte was sworn in as United States Magistrate Judge for the Northern District of Texas on June 15, 1987.

Judge Averitte graduated from the University of Texas (B.S. 1971) and Southern Methodist University School of Law (J.D. 1974).

Judge Averitte served as an assistant attorney general for the State of Texas from 1974 to 1977. He was in private practice as a partner in the law firm of Hiersche, Martens & Averitte from 1977 to 1978. Judge Averitte returned to public service in 1979 when he became an assistant district attorney for the Lubbock County district attorney's office and chief of business crimes. From 1980 to 1985, he was an Assistant United States attorney in Lubbock. He then transferred to the Amarillo division of the United States Attorney's office as supervising Assistant United States Attorney.

Judge Averitte is a member of the Order of the Coif, State Bar of Texas, Texas Bar Foundation, Amarillo Area Bar Association, and the Federal Magistrate Judges Association. He is also the magistrate judge representative to the Fifth Circuit Judicial Council.

Judge Averitte and his wife Vicki have one son.

**JEFF KAPLAN**

BORN: 1956, in Morristown, New Jersey

LAW SCHOOL: Southern Methodist University School of Law

FEDERAL JUDICIAL SERVICE: 1994-present

CHAMBERS LOCATION: Dallas, Texas

Jeff Kaplan was sworn in as United States Magistrate Judge for the Northern District of Texas on June 1, 1994.

Judge Kaplan graduated from Vanderbilt University (B.A. 1978) and Southern Methodist University School of Law (J.D. 1981). After a one-year clerkship with the Fifth Court of Appeals in Dallas, Judge Kaplan entered private practice where he specialized in civil trials and appeals. He served as a justice on the Fifth Court of Appeals in Dallas from 1991 to 1992. Judge Kaplan was a partner in the law firm of Johnston & Budner from 1993 until his appointment to the federal bench.

Judge Kaplan is board certified in civil trial law and civil appellate law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization and is an emeritus member of the National Board of Trial Advocacy. He previously served on the board of editors of the *Federal Courts Law Review* and as president of the William “Mac” Taylor American Inn of Court. Judge Kaplan is an active member of the Dallas Bar Association and numerous other professional organizations. He frequently lectures at continuing legal education programs on issues related to trial and appellate practice.

Judge Kaplan, and his wife Barbara Kennedy have two daughters.

**CHARLES MILLS BLEIL**

BORN: 1942, in Houston, Texas

LAW SCHOOL: University of Texas School of Law

FEDERAL JUDICIAL SERVICE: 1996-present

CHAMBERS LOCATION: Fort Worth, Texas

Charles M. Bleil was sworn in as United States Magistrate Judge for the Northern District of Texas on May 6, 1996.

Judge Bleil graduated from Texas Tech University (B.B.A. 1963), the University of Texas School of Law (J. D. 1966), and the University of Virginia School of Law (LL.M. 1990). Judge Bleil served in the United States Army Judge Advocate General's Corps from 1967 to 1971. In 1971 he became a member and later a partner in the law firm of Atchley, Russell, Waldrop & Hlavinka in Texarkana. He was Judge of the 5th District Court from 1978 to 1981 and Justice on the Sixth Court of Appeals in Texarkana from 1981 until his appointment as magistrate judge in May 1996.

Judge Bleil is a member of the Tarrant County Bar Association, State Bar of Texas, and Eldon B. Mahon Inn of Court. He is also a life fellow of the Texas Bar Foundation and Tarrant County Bar Foundation.

Judge Bleil and his wife Susan have two daughters and two sons.

***PAUL DOUGLAS STICKNEY***

BORN: 1953, in Evanston, Illinois

LAW SCHOOL: University of South Dakota School of Law

FEDERAL JUDICIAL SERVICE: 1998-present

CHAMBERS LOCATION: Dallas, Texas

Paul D. Stickney was sworn in as United States Magistrate Judge for the Northern District of Texas on March 2, 1998.

After serving in the United States Air Force, Judge Stickney graduated from the University of South Dakota (B.S. 1978) and the University of South Dakota School of Law (J.D. 1981). Judge Stickney began his legal career in civil and criminal litigation with the Breit & Stickney law office of Sioux Falls, South Dakota in 1981. He moved to Texas in 1990, where he served as first assistant federal public defender in the Northern District of Texas at Dallas and Fort Worth from 1990 until his appointment to the bench.

Judge Stickney is a member of the State Bar of Texas and Dallas Bar Association. He is a past member of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, Tarrant County Bar Association, and Tarrant County Criminal Defense Lawyers Association. In addition to the Northern District of Texas, he is admitted to practice in the District of South Dakota and the Fifth and Eighth Circuit Courts of Appeals. Judge Stickney has served on the board of directors for the Employment Law Section and Tort and Insurance Sections of the Dallas Bar Association.

Judge Stickney and his wife Mary Lochridge have one son and two daughters.

***NANCY MARION MCCLELLAN KOENIG***

BORN: 1951, in San Antonio, Texas

LAW SCHOOL: Texas Tech University School of Law

FEDERAL JUDICIAL SERVICE: 1998-present

CHAMBERS LOCATION: Lubbock, Texas

Nancy M. Koenig was sworn in as United States Magistrate Judge for the Northern District of Texas on December 28, 1998.

Judge Koenig graduated from the University of Texas (B.A. 1972; M.A. 1975) and Texas Tech University School of Law (J.D. 1982).

Judge Koenig began her legal career as law clerk to the Honorable Halbert O. Woodward who was then Chief Judge of the Northern District of Texas. She also served as assistant general counsel for the State Bar of Texas. In 1984, she became an Assistant United States Attorney in Lubbock. She received special achievement awards from the Department of Justice and a special commendation award from the Executive Office for United States Attorneys.

Judge Koenig is a life fellow of the Texas Bar Foundation and a member of the American Bar Association, Federal Magistrate Judges Association, Lubbock Bar Association, and Lubbock County Women Lawyers Association.

Judge Koenig and her husband Richard have two daughters and one son.

***IRMA CARRILLO RAMIREZ***

BORN: 1964, in Brownfield, Texas

LAW SCHOOL: Southern Methodist University School of Law

FEDERAL JUDICIAL SERVICE: 2002-present

CHAMBERS LOCATION: Dallas, Texas

Irma C. Ramirez was sworn in as United States Magistrate Judge for the Northern District of Texas on September 9, 2002.

Judge Ramirez graduated from West Texas State University (B.A. 1986) and Southern Methodist University School of Law (J.D. 1991), where she was a Sarah T. Hughes Fellow.

Judge Ramirez began her professional career in private practice in 1991 with the law firm of Locke Purnell Rain Harrell, LLP. In 1995, she was appointed Assistant United States Attorney in Dallas, a position she held until she was appointed magistrate judge.

Judge Ramirez is a member of the State Bar of Texas, Dallas Bar Association, Dallas Bar Association Business Litigation Section, and Federal Magistrate Judges Association. She is a fellow of the Dallas Bar Foundation. She also is a member of the Federal Bar Association and serves on the executive committee of the Dallas Chapter. She is a former member and officer of the Mexican-American Bar Association and former barrister in the Patrick E. Higginbotham Inn of Court. She teaches trial advocacy at Southern Methodist University School of Law.

Judge Ramirez is married to Adam Ramirez.

***PHILIP ROBERT LANE***

BORN: 1939, in San Angelo, Texas

LAW SCHOOL: University of Texas School of Law

FEDERAL JUDICIAL SERVICE: Part-Time Magistrate Judge,  
1971-2003; Full-  
Time Magistrate Judge, 2003-present

CHAMBERS LOCATION: Abilene, Texas

Philip R. Lane was sworn in as full-time United States Magistrate Judge for the Northern District of Texas on June 16, 2003. He had served as part-time magistrate judge in the San Angelo division since February 22, 1971.

Judge Lane graduated from the United States Air Force Academy (B.S. 1961) and the University of Texas School of Law (J.D. 1968).

Judge Lane served as a pilot in the United States Air Force from 1961 to 1965 and 1968 to 1969. He joined the law firm of Marshall, Hall, McLaughlin & Lane in 1969 in San Angelo and continued in the practice of law until 2003, when he was selected to be a full-time magistrate judge responsible for both the Abilene and San Angelo divisions.

Judge Lane is a member of the Tom Green County Bar Association and has served as president, director, and member of various committees of that association. He is also a member of the Abilene Bar Association and the State Bar of Texas.

Judge Lane and his wife Nancy have two sons and one daughter.

**ROBERT KERRY ROACH**

BORN: 1943, in Kansas City, Missouri

LAW SCHOOL: University of Texas School of Law

FEDERAL JUDICIAL SERVICE: Part-Time Magistrate Judge,  
1980-present

CHAMBERS LOCATION: Wichita Falls, Texas

Robert K. Roach was sworn in as part-time United States Magistrate Judge for the Northern District of Texas on April 1, 1980.

Judge Roach attended Stanford University (1961-1963) and graduated from the University of Oklahoma (B.A. 1965) and the University of Texas School of Law (LL.B. 1968). From 1968 to 1969, Judge Roach was a law clerk for Judge Halbert O. Woodward. From 1969 until 1971, he was an associate with the law firm of Law, Snakard, Brown & Gambill in Fort Worth. In 1971, he became corporate general counsel for United Services Management, Inc. in Wichita Falls. Then, in 1975, he became an associate and later partner with the law firm of Gibson, Hotchkiss, Roach & Davenport, where he continues to practice.

Judge Roach is a member of the State Bar of Texas and former director of the construction law section. He is also a member of the Wichita County Bar Association and the American Bar Association. He is a member and former director of the College of the State Bar of Texas. Judge Roach is board certified in commercial real estate and residential real estate by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization.

Judge Roach and his wife Sharon have two sons.