

*THOSE
WHO SERVED*

**FORMER
DISTRICT JUDGES**



ANDREW PHELPS MCCORMICK

BORN: December 18, 1832, at McCormick's Ferry, Texas
(then part of Mexico)

DIED: November 2, 1916, in Waco, Texas

LAW SCHOOL: Read Law

FEDERAL JUDICIAL SERVICE: District Court, 1879-1892
Appellate Court, 1892-1916

APPOINTED BY: President Rutherford B. Hayes

CHAMBERS LOCATION: Graham, Texas, 1879-1890
Dallas, Texas, 1890-1913

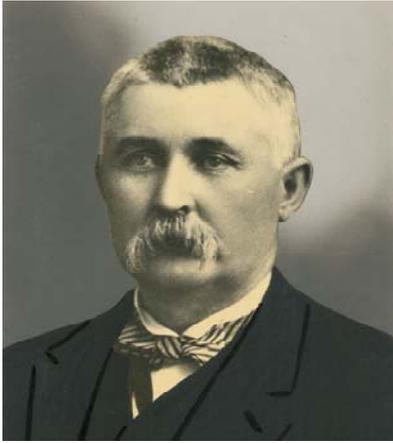
Andrew P. McCormick was sworn in as the first United States District Judge for the Northern District of Texas on May 23, 1879.

Judge McCormick was born at McCormick's Ferry, six miles west of Columbia, Brazoria County, Texas, on December 18, 1832. He graduated as valedictorian of his class from Centre College in Danville, Kentucky (A.B. 1854). After returning to Texas, he read law with his cousin, James Hall Bell. He was admitted to the bar and became James Bell's law partner in Brazoria, Texas, in December 1855. Judge McCormick joined the Confederate Army, serving in Bates' Regiment from 1861 to 1865. Andrew Hamilton, provisional governor, then appointed him judge of Brazoria County Court, a position he held until he was elected to the Constitutional Convention of 1866. He subsequently was elected to the Constitutional Convention of 1868-1869. In September 1871, Governor Edmund J. Davis appointed him to the 18th District Court, which at that time included Brazoria County. He held that position until April 1876. Judge McCormick served as Texas state senator from 1876 to 1879 for the counties of Galveston, Brazoria, and Matagorda.

In January 1879, President Rutherford B. Hayes appointed Judge McCormick United States attorney for the Eastern District of Texas. However, before he qualified for that position, Congress established the United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas, and President Hayes nominated Judge McCormick to the new position created by 20 Stat. 318 on April 7, 1879. Judge McCormick was confirmed by the Senate on April 10, 1879, and he received his commission on April 10, 1879. Judge McCormick served as judge of the Northern District of Texas until 1892, living in Dallas, except from 1883 to 1890 when he resided in Graham. On March 17, 1892, President Benjamin Harrison appointed Judge McCormick to the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals, a position that Judge McCormick held for the rest of his life.

Judge McCormick married Mary Jane Cope of Brazoria County on September 8, 1859. She died in January 1870, leaving six children. Then Judge McCormick married Lula Bell on March 15, 1871, and his family eventually increased to ten children.

Judge McCormick suffered a serious injury in a fall in 1911 and spent his last five years in a wheelchair. In 1913, he moved from Dallas to Waco, the home of his son, Andrew P. McCormick, Jr., and died there on November 2, 1916. Judge McCormick was a life-long Presbyterian and a Mason. He was buried in Greenwood Cemetery in Dallas, Texas.



JOHN B. RECTOR

BORN: November 24, 1837, in Jackson County, Alabama

DIED: April 9, 1898, in Austin, Texas

LAW SCHOOL: Read law

FEDERAL JUDICIAL SERVICE: 1892-1898

APPOINTED BY: President Benjamin Harrison

CHAMBERS LOCATION: Dallas, Texas

John B. Rector was sworn in as United States District Judge for the Northern District of Texas on March 28, 1892.

Judge Rector was born on November 24, 1837, in Jackson County, Alabama. In 1847, he moved with his family to Bastrop County, Texas. He graduated from Yale College (B.A. 1859). He read law with Royal T. Wheeler and was admitted to the bar in 1860. He was self-employed as a lawyer in Bastrop from 1860 to 1861. In 1861, he joined one of the best known cavalry regiments in the Confederate Army, Terry's Texas Rangers. He served until 1866. That same year, he was elected district attorney of Travis County, but he lost his position the next year under the reconstruction government. He returned to the private practice of law in Bastrop from 1867 until 1871, when he was appointed judge of the 31st District Court. In 1876, he left his judicial post and returned to private practice in Austin.

President Benjamin Harrison nominated Judge Rector on March 24, 1892, to the seat vacated by Andrew P. McCormick. Judge Rector was confirmed by the Senate on March 28, 1892, and received his commission on March 28, 1892.

Judge Rector married Sadie L. Barton on December 25, 1866. They had no children. He died while in active service on April 9, 1898, in Austin, Texas. He was the shortest serving judge on the Northern District of Texas bench, having served only six years at the time of his death.



EDWARD ROSCOE MEEK

BORN: December 23, 1865, in Davenport, Iowa

DIED: April 10, 1939, in Santa Monica, California

LAW SCHOOL: State University of Iowa

FEDERAL JUDICIAL SERVICE: 1898-1939

APPOINTED BY: President William McKinley

CHAMBERS LOCATION: Fort Worth, Texas, 1898-1906

Dallas, Texas, 1906-1939

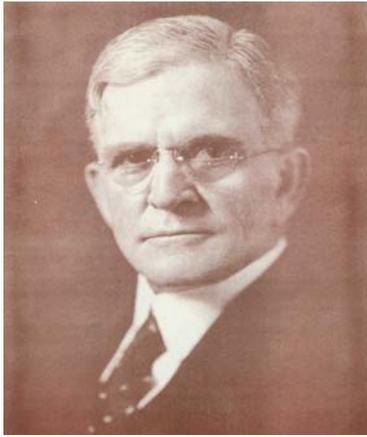
Edward R. Meek received a recess appointment from President William McKinley on July 13, 1898, to a new seat created by 30 Stat. 240.

Judge Meek was born in Davenport, Iowa, on December 23, 1865. He graduated from the State University of Iowa (A.B. 1887; LL.B. 1889). In 1889, he moved to Fort Worth where he worked in private practice, first with J.M. O'Neill and then with Stanley, Spoons & Meek, until his appointment to the federal bench. He represented major clients such as the Western Union Telegraph Company.

Following the recess appointment in July 1898, President William McKinley nominated Judge Meek to a permanent position on the federal bench on December 13, 1898. Judge Meek was confirmed by the Senate on February 15, 1899, and received his commission on February 15, 1899. Judge Meek served in the Fort Worth division until 1906 when he moved to Dallas. Judge Meek assumed senior status on December 13, 1935. He published *Should the Punishment Fit the Crime or Criminal?* in 1922.

Judge Meek was only 32 years old when he was appointed to the bench. He served as an active judge for 36 years and 5 months, longer than any other district judge in the Northern District of Texas.

Judge Meek married Elizabeth Clarkson of Des Moines, Iowa in October 1890. He had three sons. He died on April 10, 1939, in Santa Monica, California.



JAMES CLIFTON WILSON

BORN: June 21, 1874, in Palo Pinto, Texas

DIED: August 3, 1951, in Fort Worth, Texas

LAW SCHOOL: University of Texas School of Law

FEDERAL JUDICIAL SERVICE: 1919-1951

APPOINTED BY: President Woodrow Wilson

CHAMBERS LOCATION: Fort Worth, Texas

James C. Wilson received a recess appointment from President Woodrow Wilson on March 5, 1919, to a new seat created by 40 Stat. 1183.

Judge Wilson was born on June 21, 1874, in Palo Pinto, Texas. He attended Weatherford College and graduated from the University of Texas School of Law (LL.B. 1896). He was admitted to the bar in 1896, and he began practicing law in Weatherford, Texas. Judge Wilson served as assistant prosecuting attorney of Parker County from 1898 to 1900, prosecuting attorney from 1902 to 1912, and chairman of the Democratic county executive committee from 1908 to 1912. He moved to Fort Worth in November 1912 and served as assistant district attorney of Tarrant County until July 1913 and United States attorney for the Northern District of Texas from July 1913 to March 1917. He was elected as a Democrat to the United States House of Representatives where he served from 1917 to 1919.

Following the recess appointment in March 1919, President Woodrow Wilson nominated Judge Wilson to a permanent position on the federal bench on May 23, 1919. Judge Wilson was confirmed by the Senate on June 24, 1919, and received his commission on June 24, 1919. Judge Wilson assumed senior status on July 31, 1947.

Judge Wilson married Esther English in 1905, and they had two sons and one daughter. He died in Fort Worth, Texas, on August 3, 1951.



WILLIAM HAWLEY ATWELL

BORN: June 9, 1869, in Sparta, Wisconsin

DIED: December 22, 1961, in Dallas, Texas

LAW SCHOOL: University of Texas School of Law

FEDERAL JUDICIAL SERVICE: 1923-1961

APPOINTED BY: President Warren G. Harding

CHAMBERS LOCATION: Fort Worth, Texas

William H. Atwell was sworn in as United States District Judge for the Northern District of Texas on February 13, 1923.

Judge Atwell was born on June 9, 1869, in Sparta, Wisconsin. He moved to rural Dallas County, Texas, with his parents in the 1870s. He graduated from Southwestern University (A.B. and B.S. 1889) and the University of Texas School of Law (LL.B. 1891). Judge Atwell was in private practice from 1891 to 1898 in Dallas. President William McKinley appointed Judge Atwell United States attorney in 1898. Judge Atwell served in this position until 1913. He returned to the private practice of law from 1913 until 1923.

Judge Atwell was nominated by the Republican party to run for governor in 1922. He ran unsuccessfully against Pat M. Neff.

President Warren G. Harding nominated Judge Atwell to the federal bench on December 30, 1922, to a new seat created by 42 Stat. 837. Judge Atwell was confirmed by the Senate on January 9, 1923, and received his commission on January 9, 1923. Judge Atwell served as the first chief judge of the Northern District of Texas from 1948 to 1954. Judge Atwell assumed senior status on December 31, 1954.

Judge Atwell's publications include *A Treatise on Federal Criminal Law Procedure*, *Charges to Jurors*, *Wandering and Wondering*, and *Some Provocative Decisions and Other Fundamentals*. Judge Atwell also wrote his autobiography in 1935.

Judge Atwell received honorary doctor of law degrees from Hardin Simmons College and Southwestern University. He was a grand exalted ruler of the Order of the Elks, and a member of the American Bar Association, American Judicature Society, and Texas State Historical Association. Judge Atwell was active in Dallas civic affairs and was a founder of the Dallas Zoo.

Judge Atwell married Susie Snyder on December 7, 1892, and they had two sons. Judge Atwell died on December 22, 1961 in Dallas, Texas.



THOMAS WHITFIELD DAVIDSON

BORN: September 23, 1876, in Harrison County, Texas

DIED: January 25, 1974, in Dallas, Texas

LAW SCHOOL: Read law

FEDERAL JUDICIAL SERVICE: 1936-1974

APPOINTED BY: President Franklin D. Roosevelt

CHAMBERS LOCATION: Dallas, Texas

T. Whitfield (Whit) Davidson was sworn in as United States District Judge for the Northern District of Texas on February 15, 1936.

Judge Davidson was born on September 23, 1876, in Harrison County, Texas. He attended East Texas Normal College at Commerce and obtained a teaching certificate. He taught school in the Harrison County public schools and read law privately from 1895 to 1903. In the summer months, he took special law courses at Columbia University and the University of Chicago. He was admitted to the bar in 1903. He was in the private practice of law in Marshall, Texas, from 1903 to 1907, first as a partner with Harrison & Davidson, then as a partner with Beard & Davidson. He served as city attorney for Marshall from 1907 to 1914. He then returned to private practice. He was a Texas state senator from 1920 to 1922 and lieutenant governor from 1922 to 1924. He lost a race for governor in the Democratic primary in 1924 to Miriam ("Ma") Ferguson. He was general counsel for Praetorian Life Insurance Co. in Dallas and in private practice as a senior partner in the firm Davidson, Randall & Grey from 1927 until he was appointed to the bench.

President Franklin D. Roosevelt nominated Judge Davidson to the federal bench on January 22, 1936. He was confirmed by the Senate on January 30, 1936, and received his commission on February 5, 1936. Judge Davidson was chief judge from 1954 to 1959. He assumed senior status in 1965, but he remained involved in naturalization and citizenship activities.

Judge Davidson was a member and past president of the Texas Bar Association and Harrison County Bar Association. He was a member of the State Bar of Texas, Dallas Bar Association, American Bar Association, and Commission on Uniform State Laws. He was a member of the International Order of Odd Fellows and was past grand master of Texas. He also was a member and former president of the Dallas Writers Club. Judge Davidson published several books including *Davidson's Simplified Law*, *Wisdom of George Washington*, *Our Scotch Kith and Kin*, and *The Memoirs of T. Whitfield Davidson*. He wrote the latter book at age 96.

Judge Davidson married Asenath Burkhart in 1902. They divorced in 1936. He married Constance Key Wandel in 1936. She died in 1948. He then married Beulah Rose in 1949. She died in 1967. Judge Davidson had no children. He died on January 25, 1974, in Dallas, Texas. He left a large estate, the Davidson Foundation, in northwest Harrison County for public use.



JOSEPH BRANNON DOOLEY

BORN: December 13, 1889, in San Angelo, Texas

DIED: January 19, 1967, in Amarillo, Texas

LAW SCHOOL: University of Texas School of Law

FEDERAL JUDICIAL SERVICE: 1947-1967

APPOINTED BY: President Harry S. Truman

CHAMBERS LOCATION: Amarillo, Texas

Joseph B. Dooley was sworn in as United States District Judge for the Northern District of Texas on August 1, 1947.

Judge Dooley was born on December 13, 1889, in San Angelo, Texas. He graduated from the University of Texas School of Law (LL.B. 1911). He was in private practice at the law firm of Underwood, Johnson, Dooley & Wilson from 1911 to 1947.

President Harry S. Truman nominated Judge Dooley to the federal bench on January 8, 1947, to a seat vacated by James C. Wilson. Judge Dooley was confirmed by the Senate on July 8, 1947, and received commission on July 9, 1947. He served as chief judge briefly in 1959. He assumed senior status on October 1, 1966.

Judge Dooley was a member and past president of both the State Bar of Texas and the Amarillo Bar Association. He was also a member of the American Bar Association, Amarillo Downtown Lions Club, Phi Delta Phi, and Amarillo Chamber of Commerce. He served on the Texas Supreme Court's Advisory Committee on Rules of Civil Procedure in 1940.

Judge Dooley was a trustee on the Amarillo School Board from 1933 to 1939 and was chancellor of the Texas Episcopal Church of the Northwest Diocese for twenty-five years.

Judge Dooley married the former Carrie Colgin on September 16, 1913, and they had one daughter and one son. Judge Dooley died on January 19, 1967, in Amarillo, Texas, after suffering a stroke.



JOE EWING ESTES

BORN: October 24, 1903, in Commerce, Texas

DIED: October 24, 1989, in Dallas, Texas

LAW SCHOOL: University of Texas School of Law

FEDERAL JUDICIAL SERVICE: 1955-1989

APPOINTED BY: President Dwight D. Eisenhower

CHAMBERS LOCATION: Dallas, Texas

Joe E. Estes was sworn in as United States District Judge for the Northern District of Texas on August 8, 1955.

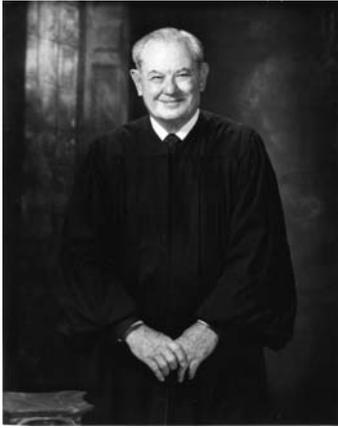
Judge Estes was born on October 24, 1903, in Commerce, Texas. He attended East Texas State Teachers College (1923-1924) and the University of Texas School of Law (LL.B. 1927). He was admitted to the bar in 1927. He began his legal career as a partner in the firm of Crosby & Estes in Commerce, where he worked until 1930. He continued working as a successful trial lawyer in several other firms specializing in oil and gas litigation before his appointment to the federal bench. He served as a lieutenant commander in the United States Navy Reserve during World War II (1942-1945). Judge Estes was active in bar association activities and was president-elect of the Dallas Bar Association at the time of his appointment.

President Dwight D. Eisenhower nominated Judge Estes to the federal bench on July 18, 1955, to the seat vacated by William Hawley Atwell. Judge Estes was confirmed by the Senate on July 28, 1955, and received his commission on August 1, 1955.

Judge Estes served on the Judicial Conference of the United States as the Fifth Circuit district judge representative. He also served on many important Judicial Conference committees— Coordinating Committee for Multiple District Litigation, Executive Committee, Advisory Committee on Rules of Evidence, Committee on Pretrial Procedure, and Committee on Trial Practice and Technique. He was on the board of editors of the Manual on Complex and Multidistrict Litigation, and he published a handbook for effective pretrial procedure.

Judge Estes was chief judge for the Northern District of Texas from 1959 to 1972. He took senior status in 1972. That same year, he was named Citizen of the Year by the Kiwanis Club of Dallas, and he received the Hatton W. Summers Award from the Southwestern Legal Foundation. Judge Estes remained active as a senior judge, accepting additional duties as a judge of the Temporary Emergency Court of Appeals, a position he held until his death.

Judge Estes married Carroll Cox on December 1, 1931. They had one son and one daughter. Judge Estes died in Dallas, Texas, on October 24, 1989, his 86th birthday.



LEO BREWSTER

BORN: October 16, 1903, in Fort Worth, Texas

DIED: November 27, 1979, in Fort Worth, Texas

LAW SCHOOL: University of Texas School of Law

FEDERAL JUDICIAL SERVICE: 1961-1979

APPOINTED BY: President John F. Kennedy

CHAMBERS LOCATION: Fort Worth, Texas

Leo Brewster received a recess appointment from President John F. Kennedy on October 5, 1961, to a new seat created by 75 Stat. 80.

Judge Brewster was born on October 16, 1903, in Fort Worth, Texas. He graduated from the University of Texas School of Law (LL.B. 1926). He worked in private practice in Fort Worth from 1926 to 1962, except for a brief stint as an assistant district attorney for Tarrant County from 1935 to 1939. He devoted much of his private practice to trying complicated cases for other lawyers throughout the state.

Following the recess appointment in October 1961, President John F. Kennedy nominated Judge Brewster to a permanent position on the federal bench on January 15, 1962. Judge Brewster was confirmed by the Senate on March 16, 1962, and received his commission on March 17, 1962. Judge Brewster served as chief judge of the Northern District of Texas from 1972 to 1973. Judge Brewster assumed senior status on November 1, 1973, but he continued to preside over cases in the Abilene Division and other cases on a selected basis.

Judge Brewster was a member and former president of both the State Bar of Texas and the Tarrant County Bar Association. He also was a member of the American Bar Association House of Delegates and a fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers.

Judge Brewster received national media attention in the early 1970s after ordering five Irish-Americans jailed for refusing to answer grand jury questions related to smuggling weapons from the United States to Irish Republican Army terrorists. The five, who became known as the "Fort Worth Five," remained in prison for more than a year.

Judge Brewster married Lois Rice, and they had two daughters. He died on November 27, 1979, at his home in Fort Worth, Texas.



SARAH TILGHMAN HUGHES

BORN: August 2, 1896, in Baltimore, Maryland

DIED: April 23, 1985, in Dallas, Texas

LAW SCHOOL: George Washington University School of Law

FEDERAL JUDICIAL SERVICE: 1961-1985

APPOINTED BY: President John F. Kennedy

CHAMBERS LOCATION: Dallas, Texas

Sarah T. Hughes received a recess appointment from President John F. Kennedy on October 5, 1961, to a new seat created by 75 Stat. 80.

Judge Hughes was born on August 2, 1896, in Baltimore, Maryland. She graduated from Goucher College (A.B. 1917) and George Washington University School of Law (LL.B. 1922). While attending law school, she served on the Washington, D.C. police force, a job in which she worked primarily with juveniles. In 1922, she moved to Dallas where she joined the firm of Priest, Herndon, and Ledbetter in 1923. The firm later became Priest, Herndon, & Hughes. She worked for the firm until 1935. She also served as a Texas state representative from 1931 to 1935. In 1935, Judge Hughes was appointed to fill an unexpired term as judge of the 14th District Court in Dallas. She was the first female state district judge in Texas. She was subsequently elected to that judgeship and then reelected on six occasions, the last in 1960.

Following the recess appointment in October 1961, President John F. Kennedy nominated Judge Hughes to a permanent position on the federal bench on January 15, 1962. Judge Hughes was confirmed by the Senate on March 16, 1962, and received her commission on March 17, 1962. She was the first female to serve as a federal district judge in Texas. She took senior status on August 4, 1975, but she continued trying cases until August 15, 1981.

While serving the 14th District Court, Judge Hughes played an important part in the construction of Dallas' first juvenile detention center (1950) and in securing an amendment to the Texas constitution allowing women to serve as jurors (1953). Among her most well-known cases as a federal judge were *Roe v. Wade*, 1970 (abortion), *Shultz v. Brookhaven General Hospital*, 1969 (equal pay for equal work), *Taylor v. Sterrett*, 1972 (prisoner treatment in Dallas County jail), and *SEC v. National Bankers Life Insurance Company*, 1971 (stock fraud involving powerful Texas politicians and businessmen). In addition to serving in many leadership roles of business and professional women's organizations, she was named by Texas Governor Mark White to the Texas Women's Hall of Fame in 1984.

Judge Hughes married George Ernest Hughes on March 13, 1922. She and her husband had no children. She died on April 23, 1985, in Dallas, Texas, after several years of illness.



WILLIAM MCLAUGHLIN TAYLOR, JR.

BORN: February 7, 1909, in Denton, Texas

DIED: June 17, 1985, in Dallas, Texas

LAW SCHOOL: Southern Methodist University School of Law

FEDERAL JUDICIAL SERVICE: 1966-1985

APPOINTED BY: President Lyndon B. Johnson

CHAMBERS LOCATION: Dallas, Texas

William McLaughlin Taylor, Jr. was sworn in as United States District Judge for the Northern District of Texas on August 18, 1966.

Judge Taylor was born on February 7, 1909, in Denton, Texas. He moved with his family to Dallas four years later. His father, attorney William McLaughlin Taylor, Sr., was an associate justice on the Texas Supreme Court. Judge Taylor attended the University of Texas, University of Colorado, and Southern Methodist University. He graduated from Southern Methodist University School of Law (LL.B. 1932). He worked in private practice with the firm of Wallace & Vickery from 1932 to 1933. In 1933, he became an assistant district attorney in Dallas, and in 1936 he accepted a position as assistant city attorney. In 1939, he joined the law firm of Burford, Ryburn, Hincks & Charlton, where he served as an associate until 1946. During this time, he also joined the United States Marine Corps Reserve and served as a second lieutenant and then captain during World War II. He joined the Strasburger, Price, Holland, Kelton & Miller law firm as an associate in 1946. He was then elected to the 134th District Court in Dallas where he served as a judge from 1949 to 1953. He returned to the Strasburger law firm in 1953 where he was a partner until appointed to the federal bench.

President Lyndon B. Johnson nominated Judge Taylor on June 28, 1966, to a seat vacated by T. Whitfield Davidson. Judge Taylor was confirmed by the Senate on July 22, 1966, and received his commission on July 22, 1966. Judge Taylor served as chief judge from 1973 to 1977. He took senior status in 1979, but continued with an active docket.

Judge Taylor was a member of the State Bar of Texas, Dallas Bar Association, American Bar Association, International Association of Insurance Counsel, Texas Association of Defense Counsel, and American College of Trial Lawyers.

Judge Taylor married the former Elizabeth Pepple on June 27, 1934. They had three daughters. He died on June 17, 1985, in Dallas, Texas.



HALBERT OWEN WOODWARD

BORN: April 8, 1918, in Coleman, Texas

DIED: October 2, 2000, in Brownwood, Texas

LAW SCHOOL: University of Texas School of Law

FEDERAL JUDICIAL SERVICE: 1968-2000

APPOINTED BY: President Lyndon B. Johnson

CHAMBERS LOCATION: Lubbock, Texas

Halbert O. Woodward was sworn in as United States District Judge for the Northern District of Texas on June 28, 1968.

Judge Woodward was born on April 8, 1918, in Coleman, Texas. He graduated from the University of Texas and the University of Texas School of Law (B.B.A. and LL.B. 1940). He was admitted to the bar in 1941. Judge Woodward worked as a hearing examiner for the Texas Employment Commission from September 1940 to April 1941. He then worked as a title examiner for Humble Oil & Refining Co. from April 1941 to November 1942. He served in the United States Navy from 1942 to 1945, where he attained the rank of lieutenant. He returned to Humble Oil & Refining Co. after his military service, where he worked until 1949 as a land and title supervisor. He then took over his father's law firm—Woodward & Johnson—in Coleman, Texas, where he practiced until 1968. He was a member of the Texas Highway Commission from 1958 to 1968 and was chairman of the commission from 1967 to 1968.

President Lyndon B. Johnson nominated Judge Woodward to the federal bench on April 25, 1968, to a seat vacated by Joe B. Dooley. Judge Woodward was confirmed by the Senate on June 6, 1968, and received his commission on June 7, 1968. Judge Woodward served as chief judge of the district from May 1977 until December 1986, when he assumed senior status.

Judge Woodward was a member of the Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation from 1989 to 1992. He received the Outstanding Support of Good Law Enforcement Award from the Sheriff's Association of Texas in 1988 and the Texas Tech University Friend of Education Award and Texas Bar Foundation Outstanding Jurist Award in 1989. He served on the Lubbock Methodist Hospital System board of trustees and was president of the South Plains Council of the Boy Scouts of America. He received the distinguished Eagle Scout Award and the Silver Beaver Award from the Boy Scouts of America.

Judge Woodward married the former Dawn Blair on September 28, 1940. They had two sons. Judge Woodward died on October 2, 2000, at his home near Brownwood, Texas.



ROBERT MADDEN HILL

BORN: January 13, 1928, in Dallas, Texas

DIED: October 19, 1987

LAW SCHOOL: University of Texas School of Law

FEDERAL JUDICIAL SERVICE: District Court, 1970-1984

Appellate Court, 1984-1987

APPOINTED BY: President Richard M. Nixon

CHAMBERS LOCATION: Dallas, Texas

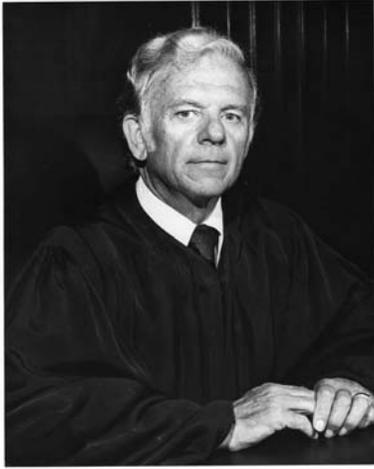
Robert M. Hill was sworn in as United States District Judge for the Northern District of Texas on December 18, 1970.

Judge Hill was born in Dallas, Texas, on January 13, 1928. He was the son of William Madden Hill, who served as a commissioner for the Northern District from 1945 to 1966. Judge Hill graduated from the University of Texas (B.B.A. 1948) and from the University of Texas School of Law (LL.B. 1950). After law school, Judge Hill entered private practice with R.T. Bailey from 1950 to 1952, Caldwell, Baker & Jordan from 1952 to 1959, and Woodruff, Hill, Kendall & Smith from 1959 until he was appointed to the federal bench. While in private practice, Judge Hill served as chief counsel for the Dallas County Republican Party.

President Richard M. Nixon nominated Judge Hill on October 7, 1970, to a new seat created by 84 Stat. 294. Judge Hill was confirmed by the Senate on November 25, 1970, and received his commission on December 1, 1970. President Ronald W. Reagan nominated Judge Hill to the Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit on June 4, 1984, to a seat vacated by John R. Brown. Judge Hill was confirmed by the Senate on June 15, 1984, and received his commission on June 15, 1984.

During his tenure as a district judge, Judge Hill presided over many high-profile cases, including the 1979 criminal trial of Billie Sol Estes for mail fraud and conspiracy to conceal assets to avoid paying taxes. He was a member of the Dallas Bar Association, Federal Bar Association, American Bar Association, and American Judicature Society.

Judge Hill married the former Mary Anne Wright on June 14, 1948, and they had one son and two daughters. After the loss of his first wife in 1971, Judge Hill married attorney Patricia Abbott in 1975. Judge Hill died on October 19, 1987, after suffering a fatal asthma attack aboard an airliner as he returned from a vacation in Kenya.



ELDON BROOKS MAHON

BORN: April 9, 1918, in Loraine, Texas

DIED: December 3, 2005, in Fort Worth, Texas

LAW SCHOOL: University of Texas School of Law

FEDERAL JUDICIAL SERVICE: 1972-2005

APPOINTED BY: President Richard M. Nixon

CHAMBERS LOCATION: Fort Worth, Texas

Eldon B. Mahon was sworn in as United States District Judge for the Northern District of Texas on July 14, 1972.

Judge Mahon was born on April 9, 1918, in Loraine, Texas. He graduated from McMurry College (B.A. 1939) and the University of Texas School of Law (LL.B 1942). He entered the United States Army Air Corps in 1942, rising to the rank of captain, and served there until 1945. He was a law clerk to Texas Supreme Court Justice J.E. Hickman from 1945 to 1946, county attorney for Mitchell County from 1947 to 1948, district attorney for the 32nd Judicial District of Texas from 1948 to 1960, and then judge for the same district from 1961 to 1963. From 1963 to 1964, he was vice president of Texas Electric Service Co. in Fort Worth. He moved to Abilene in 1964 to become a partner in private practice in the law firm of Mahon, Pope & Glandon. In 1968, President Lyndon B. Johnson appointed Judge Mahon United States Attorney, a position Judge Mahon held until he was appointed to the federal bench.

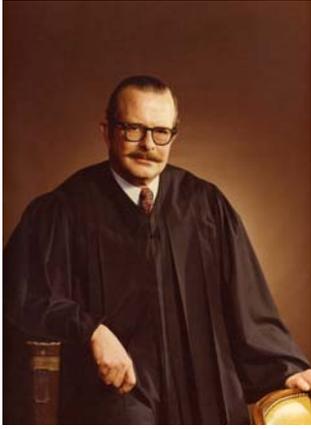
President Nixon nominated Judge Mahon on June 23, 1972, to a seat vacated by Joe Estes. Judge Mahon was confirmed by the Senate on June 28, 1972, and received his commission on July 3, 1972. Judge Mahon assumed senior status in November 1989, but he continued to keep a substantial caseload until October 2002.

Judge Mahon served on the Judicial Conference Committee on the Budget from 1975 to 1983. He presided over cases of local and national importance in Fort Worth and Dallas. In 1975, he ruled that the Dallas city council's at-large representation system was unconstitutional because it was designed to dilute minority voting power. Judge Mahon also worked for nineteen years overseeing the Fort Worth school desegregation case, *Flax, et al. v. Potts, et al.*

Judge Mahon received an honorary doctor of law degree from McMurry University and an honorary doctor of humanities degree from Texas Wesleyan University. He was awarded the "Medal of Honor" from the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution. In 1993, the Eldon B. Mahon Inn of Court was named in his honor. In 1998, Judge Mahon received the Tarrant County Bar Association's Silver Gavel Award and the Samuel Pessara Outstanding Jurist Award from the Texas Bar Foundation. Judge Mahon served on the board of trustees for Texas Wesleyan

University School of Law, McMurry University, and Harris Methodist Hospital. On November 14, 2003, Judge Mahon was honored in a ceremony naming the Eldon B. Mahon United States Courthouse in Fort Worth after him.

Judge Mahon married the former Nova Lee Groom on June 1, 1941. They had two daughters and one son. Judge Mahon died on December 3, 2005, at his home in Fort Worth, Texas.



ROBERT WILLIAM PORTER

BORN: August 13, 1926, in Monmouth, Illinois

DIED: November 6, 1991, in Dallas, Texas

LAW SCHOOL: University of Michigan Law School

FEDERAL JUDICIAL SERVICE: 1974-1991

APPOINTED BY: President Richard M. Nixon

CHAMBERS LOCATION: Dallas, Texas

Robert W. Porter was sworn in as United States District Judge for the Northern District of Texas on July 18, 1974.

Judge Porter was born on August 13, 1926, in Monmouth, Illinois. He served in the United States Navy from 1944 to 1946. He then graduated from Monmouth College (A.B. 1949) and from the University of Michigan Law School (J.D. 1952). He worked as in-house counsel for Reserve Life Insurance Company from 1952 to 1954 and was in private practice as a senior partner with Thompson, Coe, Cousins, Irons & Porter from 1954 until 1974. During that time, he served as a city council member for the city of Richardson from 1961 to 1966 and mayor of Richardson from 1966 until 1967. He also served as special counsel for Dallas County from 1972 to 1974, and Dallas County Republican chairman from 1972 to 1973.

President Richard M. Nixon nominated Judge Porter on April 22, 1974, to a seat vacated by Leo Brewster. Judge Porter was confirmed by the Senate on June 13, 1974, and he received his commission on June 20, 1974. Judge Porter served as chief judge intermittently from 1986 to 1989. He took senior status on January 17, 1990.

During his career, Judge Porter was an active member of the Richardson Bar Association, Dallas Bar Association, Federal Bar Association, State Bar of Texas, American Bar Association, Dallas Association of Defense Counsel, Texas Association of Defense Counsel, Delta Theta Phi Law Fraternity, and Barristers Society. He also served as president of the Texas Association of Mayors and Councilmen from 1965 to 1966.

Judge Porter married Lois Virginia Freeman on July 4, 1956, and they had three sons. Judge Porter died on November 6, 1991, in Dallas, Texas.

PATRICK ERROL HIGGINBOTHAM

BORN: 1938, McCalla, Alabama

LAW SCHOOL: University of Alabama School of Law

FEDERAL JUDICIAL SERVICE: District Court, 1975-1982

Appellate Court, 1982-present

APPOINTED BY: President Gerald R. Ford

CHAMBERS LOCATION: District Court—Dallas, Texas

Appellate Court—Dallas, Texas and

Austin, Texas

Patrick E. Higginbotham was sworn in as United States District Judge for the Northern District of Texas on January 2, 1976.

Judge Higginbotham graduated from the University of Alabama (B.A. 1960) and the University of Alabama School of Law (LL.B. 1961). Judge Higginbotham served in the United States Air Force Judge Advocate General's Corps from 1961 until 1964. He entered private practice with the firm of Coke & Coke in 1964, and he continued working with the firm until his appointment to the federal bench in 1975.

President Gerald R. Ford nominated Judge Higginbotham on December 2, 1975, to a seat vacated by Sarah T. Hughes. He was confirmed by the Senate on December 12, 1975, and received his commission on December 12, 1975. President Ronald W. Reagan nominated Judge Higginbotham to the Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit on July 1, 1982, to a seat vacated by Reynaldo Garza. Judge Higginbotham was confirmed by the Senate on July 27, 1982, and received his commission on July 30, 1982. Judge Higginbotham assumed senior status on August 28, 2006, but continues to carry a full caseload on the Court of Appeals.

Judge Higginbotham served as chair of the Judicial Conference Advisory Committee on Civil Rules. He is a lifetime member of the American Law Institute and was advisor to its project on complex litigation. He is chair of the Center for American & International Law and serves as a member of the Board of Advisors, Institute for Civil Justice, RAND. The latter organization is a non-profit organization that studies the political system and devotes much attention to state and federal courts. He is also a member of the Ethics 2000 Commission. He was former president of the American Inns of Court Foundation. He is a fellow of the American Bar Foundation and former chair of the Appellate Judges Conference of the American Bar Association and former member of the ABA Journal board of editors. Judge Higginbotham was an advisor to the National Center for State Courts on its study of habeas corpus.

Judge Higginbotham received an honorary doctor of law degree from Southern Methodist University in 1989. In 1997, Judge Higginbotham received the Samuel E. Gates Litigation Award from the American College of Trial Lawyers, in 2002 he received the A. Sherman Christensen Award from the American Inns of Court, in 2006 he received the TEX-ABOTA Judge of the Year award, and in 2007 he received the American Inn of Court's Professionalism Award for the Fifth Circuit. Judge Higginbotham has served as a faculty member for the Federal Judicial Center, published numerous articles, and taught at Southern Methodist University School of

Law, University of Alabama School of Law, University of Texas School of Law, Texas Tech University School of Law, and St. Mary's School of Law.

Judge Higginbotham and his wife Elizabeth have two daughters.



DAVID OWEN BELEW, JR.

BORN: March 27, 1920, in Fort Worth, Texas

DIED: November 21, 2001, in Fort Worth, Texas

LAW SCHOOL: University of Texas School of Law

FEDERAL JUDICIAL SERVICE: 1979-2001

APPOINTED BY: President Jimmy E. Carter

CHAMBERS LOCATION: Fort Worth, Texas

David O. Belew, Jr. was sworn in as United States District Judge for the Northern District of Texas on May 4, 1979.

Judge Belew was born March 27, 1920, in Fort Worth, Texas. He attended Texas Christian University and the University of Texas before joining the United States Army in 1942. He served in the 90th Infantry Division from 1942 to 1946, rising to the rank of captain. He was one of the first soldiers to land on Utah Beach during the Normandy invasion of World War II. He was wounded at least three times during the war, returning to combat after recovering each time. For his heroism, he received the Silver Star, three Purple Hearts, and five Battle Stars.

After leaving the military, Judge Belew graduated from the University of Texas (B.A. 1946) and the University of Texas School of Law (LL.B. 1948). After law school, Judge Belew worked with his father in private practice and soon became an assistant United States attorney in Fort Worth. In 1953, he joined the Fort Worth firm of Cantey Hanger, where he became a partner and remained until his appointment to the federal bench.

President Jimmy E. Carter nominated Judge Belew to the federal bench on February 9, 1979, to a new seat created by 92 Stat. 1629. He was confirmed by the Senate on April 24, 1979, and received his commission on April 26, 1979. Judge Belew was a member of the State Bar of Texas, American Bar Association, and member and former president of the Tarrant County Bar Association.

Although Judge Belew handled many important cases, his best known was a fourteen-month civil trial resulting from the 1985 crash of Delta Air Lines Flight 191, the longest aviation trial in history. Judge Belew assumed senior status in 1990.

Judge Belew married the former Marjorie Mitchell on October 11, 1946. They had one son and two daughters. Marjorie died in 1984, and in 1989 Judge Belew married Joetta Sewell Earl. Judge Belew died on November 21, 2001, in Fort Worth, Texas.

ELTON JOE KENDALL

BORN: 1954, in Dallas, Texas

LAW SCHOOL: Baylor University School of Law

FEDERAL JUDICIAL SERVICE: 1992-2002

APPOINTED BY: President George H.W. Bush

CHAMBERS LOCATION: Dallas, Texas

Joe Kendall was sworn in as United States District Judge for the Northern District of Texas on May 29, 1992.

Judge Kendall graduated from Southern Methodist University (B.B.A. 1977) and Baylor University School of Law (J.D. 1980). Judge Kendall served as a Dallas police officer from 1972 to 1978. He was an assistant district attorney for Dallas County from 1980 to 1982. He worked in private practice from 1982 until 1986, when he was elected to the 195th State District Court. He served in that position until his appointment to the federal bench in 1992.

Judge Kendall was nominated by President George H.W. Bush on March 20, 1992, to a new seat created by 104 Stat. 5089. He was confirmed by the Senate on May 12, 1992, and received his commission on May 15, 1992. Judge Kendall resigned from the federal bench on January 22, 2002, to return to private practice.

Judge Kendall served on the United States Sentencing Commission from 1999 until 2002. He was a member of the Federal Judges Association and served on the association's board of directors. He also was a member of the American Bar Association, College of the State Bar of Texas, Dallas Bar Association, and the Texas Criminal Defense Lawyers Association.

Judge Kendall and Veronica ("Ronnie") Kendall have three sons.