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RETIREMENT OF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE RONNIE L. WHITE

United States District Judge Ronnie L. White will retire from the federal bench on July 31, 2024, a position he has held since his nomination by President Barack Obama in January of 2014 and confirmation by the U.S. Senate in July of that year.

Judge White earned his Bachelor of Arts degree from St. Louis University and graduated from the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law. His legal career includes an internship with Jackson County Prosecutor's Office, trial attorney for the Public Defenders' Office in the City of St. Louis and St. Louis County, and private practice. He served three terms in the Missouri House of Representatives as Chairman of both the House Judiciary and Ethics Committee and the Civil and Criminal Justice Committee. Judge White was appointed City Counselor for the City of St. Louis in 1993 and began his judicial career with his appointment as Judge of the Missouri Court of Appeals, Eastern District, in 1994 followed by appointment to the Supreme Court of Missouri in 1995, where he served as that Court's first African American Chief Justice (2003-2005).

Chief Judge Stephen R. Clark emphasized Judge White's professionalism and dedication to his work. "Judge White is a truly dedicated public-service professional, having served in all three branches of government," Clark said. "He has shown that dedication, and hard work, throughout his career, including right up to his last days on the bench. We are grateful for his service."

Reflecting on his legal profession and judicial tenure, Judge White stated, "It was an honor and privilege to serve as a judge in the Eastern District of Missouri. I have found my duties meaningful and challenging. I am grateful for my esteemed colleagues and the work of the Court and my staff. Having the opportunity to serve as a district court judge has been the capstone on a long and rewarding career in public service."

On behalf of all federal agencies of this District, we wish Judge White the best as he embarks on new paths. Upon retirement, Judge White will become a mediator with JAMS, St. Louis Mediation, Arbitration and ADR Services.