

U.S. COURT OF APPEALS - FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

SUCCESSION CHART

(Including Senior Judge Status)

As of April 22, 2008

March 3, 1891,
26 Stat. 826
(Seat 1)

PARDEE, DON A.¹

Active Service 1891 - 1919
Deceased - 1919

KING, ALEXANDER C.

Active Service 1920 - 1924
Resigned - 1924

FOSTER, RUFUS E.

Active Service 1925 - 1942
Deceased - 1942

LEE, ELMO P.

Active Service 1943 - 1949
Deceased - 1949

BORAH, WAYNE G.

Active Service 1949 - 1956
Senior Status 1956 - 1966
Deceased - 1966

WISDOM, JOHN MINOR

Active Service 1957 - 1977
Senior Status 1977 - 1999
Deceased - 1999

RUBIN, ALVIN B.

Active Service 1977 - 1989
Senior Status 1989 - 1991
Deceased - 1991

BARKSDALE, RHESA H.

Active Service 1990 - Present

March 3, 1891,
26 Stat. 826
(Seat 2)

McCORMICK, ANDREW P.

Active Service 1892 - 1916
Deceased - 1916

BATTS, ROBERT L.

Active Service 1917 - 1919
Resigned - 1919

BRYAN, NATHAN P.

Active Service 1920 - 1935
Deceased - 1935

HOLMES, EDWIN R.

Active Service 1936 - 1954
Senior Status 1954 - 1961
Deceased - 1961

CAMERON, BENJAMIN F.

Active Service 1955 - 1964
Deceased - 1964

COLEMAN, JAMES P.

Active Service 1965 - 1981
Senior Status 1981 - 1984
Retired - 1984

JOLLY, E. GRADY

Active Service 1982 - Present

January 25, 1899,
30 Stat. 803

SHELBY, DAVID D.

Active Service 1899 - 1914
Deceased - 1914

WALKER, RICHARD W.

Active Service 1914 - 1930
Senior Status 1930 - 1936
Deceased - 1936

SIBLEY, SAMUEL H.

Active Service 1931 - 1949
Senior Status 1949 - 1958
Deceased - 1958

RUSSELL, ROBERT L.

Active Service 1949 - 1955
Deceased - 1955

BROWN, JOHN R.

Active Service 1955 - 1984
Senior Status 1984 - 1993
Deceased - 1993

HILL, ROBERT M.

Active Service 1984 - 1987
Deceased - 1987

WIENER, JACQUES L., JR.

Active Service 1990 - Present

June 10, 1930,
46 Stat. 538

HUTCHESON, JOSEPH, JR.

Active Service 1931 - 1964
Senior Status 1964 - 1973
Deceased - 1973

THORNBERRY, W. HOMER

Active Service 1965 - 1978
Senior Status 1978 - 1995
Deceased - 1995

GARZA, REYNALDO G.

Active Service 1979 - 1982
Senior Status 1982 - Present
Deceased - 2004

HIGGINBOTHAM, PATRICK E.

Active Service 1982 - 2006
Senior Status 2006 - Present

ELROD, JENNIFER W.

Active Service 2007 - Present

May 31, 1938,
52 Stat. 584

McCORD, LEON C.

Active Service 1938 - 1951
Senior Status 1951 - 1952
Deceased - 1952

RIVES, RICHARD T.²

Active Service 1951 - 1966
Senior Status 1966 - 1981

GODBOLD, JOHN C.²

Active Service 1966 - 1981

**December 14, 1942,
56 Stat. 1050**

WALLER, CURTIS L.

Active Service 1943 - 1950
 Deceased - 1950

STRUM, LOUIE W.

Active Service 1950 - 1954
 Deceased - 1954

JONES, WARREN L.²

Active Service 1955 - 1966
 Senior Status 1966 - 1981

DYER, DAVID W.²

Active Service 1966 - 1976
 Senior Status 1976 - 1981

FAY, PETER T.²

Active Service 1976 - 1981

**February 10, 1954,
68 Stat. 8**

TUTTLE, ELBERT P.²

Active Service 1954 - 1968
 Senior Status 1968 - 1981

MORGAN, LEWIS R.²

Active Service 1968 - 1978
 Senior Status 1978 - 1981

KRAVITCH, PHYLLIS A.²

Active Service 1979 - 1981

**May 19, 1961,
75 Stat. 80
(Seat 1)**

GEWIN, WALTER P.

Active Service 1961 - 1976
 Senior Status 1976 - 1981
 Deceased - 1981

VANCE, ROBERT S.²

Active Service 1977 - 1981

DENNIS, JAMES L.

Active Service 1995 - Present

**May 19, 1961,
75 Stat. 80
(Seat 2)**

BELL, GRIFFIN B.

Active Service 1961 - 1976
 Resigned - 1976

HILL, JAMES C.²

Active Service 1976 - 1981

**March 18, 1966,
80 Stat. 75
(Seat 1)**

GOLDBERG, IRVING L.

Active Service 1966 - 1980
 Senior Status 1980 - 1995
 Deceased - 1995

WILLIAMS, JERRE S.

Active Service 1980 - 1990
 Senior Status 1990 - 1993
 Deceased - 1993

DeMOSS, HAROLD R., JR.

Active Service 1991 - 2007
 Senior Status 2007 - Present

HAYNES, CATHARINA

Active Service 2008 - Present

**March 18, 1966,
80 Stat. 75
(Seat 2)**

AINSWORTH, ROBERT A., JR.

Active Service 1966 - 1981
 Deceased - 1981

DAVIS, W. EUGENE

Active Service 1983 - Present

**March 18, 1966,
80 Stat. 75
(Seat 3)**

SIMPSON, JOHN M. B.²

Active Service 1966 - 1975
 Senior Status 1976 - 1981

TJOFLAT, GERALD B.²

Active Service 1975 - 1981

**March 18, 1966,
80 Stat. 75
(Seat 4)**

CLAYTON, CLAUDE F.

Active Service 1967 - 1969
 Deceased - 1969

CLARK, CHARLES

Active Service 1969 - 1992
 Retired - 1992

DENNIS, JAMES L.

Active Service 1995 - Present

**June 18, 1968,
82 Stat. 184
(Seat 1)**

CARSWELL, GEORGE H.

Active Service 1969 - 1970
 Resigned - 1970

RONEY, PAUL H.²

Active Service 1970 - 1981

**June 18, 1968,
82 Stat. 184
(Seat 2)**

INGRAHAM, JOE M.

Active Service 1969 - 1973
 Senior Status 1973 - 1990
 Deceased - 1990

GEE, THOMAS G.

Active Service 1973 - 1991
 Retired - 1991

BENAVIDES, FORTUNATO P.

Active Service 1994 - Present

**October 20, 1978,
 92 Stat. 1629
 (Seat 1)**

JOHNSON, FRANK M. JR.²

Active Service 1979 - 1981

**October 20, 1978,
 92 Stat. 1629
 (Seat 2)**

HENDERSON, ALBERT J.²

Active Service 1979 - 1981

**October 20, 1978,
 92 Stat. 1629
 (Seat 3)**

ANDERSON, III, R. LANIER²

Active Service 1979 - 1981

**October 20, 1978,
 92 Stat. 1629
 (Seat 4)**

KING, CAROLYN D.

Active Service 1979 - Present

**October 20, 1978,
 92 Stat. 1629
 (Seat 5)**

POLITZ, HENRY A.

Active Service 1979 - 1999
 Senior Status 1999 -2002
 Deceased- 2002

PICKERING, CHARLES W. SR.

Active Service- 2004
 Retired- 2004

SOUTHWICK, LESLIE H.

Active Service - 2007

**October 20, 1978,
 92 Stat. 1629
 (Seat 6)**

HATCHETT, JOSEPH W.²

Active Service 1979 - 1981

**October 20, 1978,
 92 Stat. 1629
 (Seat 7)**

REAVLEY, THOMAS M.

Active Service 1979 - 1990
 Senior Status 1990 - Present

GARZA, EMILIO M.

Active Service 1991 - Present

**October 20, 1978,
 92 Stat. 1629
 (Seat 8)**

TATE, ALBERT, JR.

Active Service 1979 - 1986
 Deceased - 1986

DUHÉ, JOHN M., JR.

Active Service 1988 - 1999
 Senior Status 1999 - Present

CLEMENT, EDITH BROWN

Active Service 2001- Present

**October 20, 1978,
 92 Stat. 1629
 (Seat 9)**

JOHNSON, SAM D.

Active Service 1979 - 1991
 Senior Status 1991 - 2002
 Deceased - 2002

PARKER, ROBERT M.

Active Service 1994 - 2002
 Retired - 2002

PRADO, EDWARD C.

Active Service 2003- Present

**October 20, 1978,
 92 Stat. 1629
 (Seat 10)**

CLARK, THOMAS A.²

Active Service 1979 - 1981

**October 20, 1978,
 92 Stat. 1629
 (Seat 11)**

GARWOOD, WILL

Active Service 1981 - 1997
 Senior Status 1997 - Present

OWEN, PRISCILLA R.

Active Service 2005 - Present

**July 10, 1984,
 98 Stat. 333
 (Seat 1)**

JONES, EDITH H.

Active Service 1985 - Present

**July 10, 1984,
 98 Stat. 333
 (Seat 2)**

SMITH, JERRY E.

Active Service 1987 - Present

**December 1, 1990,
 104 Stat. 5089**

STEWART, CARL E.

Active Service 1994 - Present

Chief Judges

Hutcheson, Joseph C. Jr.	Oct. 1948 - Aug. 1959
Rives, Richard T.	Aug. 1959 - Dec. 1960
Tuttle, Elbert P.	Dec. 1960 - July 1967
Brown, John R.	July 1967 - Dec. 1979
Coleman, James P.	Dec. 1979 - May 1981
Godbold, John C.	May 1981 - Oct. 1981 ³
Clark, Charles	Oct. 1981 - Jan. 1992
Politz, Henry A.	Jan. 1992 - Jan. 1999
King, Carolyn D.	Jan. 1999 - Jan. 2006
Jones, Edith H.	Jan. 2006 -

¹Pardee was appointed judge of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit in 1881. The act of March 3, 1891, 26 Stat. 826, assigned Pardee and other sitting U.S. Circuit Court Judges to serve on the newly-created U.S. Courts of Appeals for their respective circuit.

²The Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals Reorganization Act, 94 Stat. 1994, divided the Fifth Circuit into two circuits, reorganizing the judicial districts of Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas, and the Canal Zone into a new Fifth Circuit and those in Alabama, Georgia, and Florida into the new Eleventh Circuit. The act transferred all judges whose official duty stations were within the Eleventh Circuit to that circuit, effective October 1, 1981.

³John C. Godbold served as chief judge of the Fifth Circuit from February 3, 1981, until October 1, 1981, when he became chief judge of the new Eleventh Circuit.