

Jerry E. Smith

Judge Smith has served as a United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals since 1988. Judge Smith graduated from Yale University in 1969 and from Yale Law School in 1972. Judge Smith was a law clerk to a U.S. District Judge in the Northern District of Texas, 1972–1973, and practiced with Fulbright & Jaworski in Houston from 1973–1984 (partner, 1981–1984). In 1984–1987, Judge Smith was the City Attorney for the City of Houston. While a Circuit Judge, he served as Chair of the Advisory Committee on the Federal Rules of Evidence. Judge Smith's former law clerks include three U.S. Circuit Judges, a Texas Supreme Court Justice, a Judge on the U.S. Tax Court, a Judge on the U.S. Court of Federal Claims, a member of the Federal Election Commission, and a U.S. Senator. Judge Smith resides in Houston with his wife, Mary Jane. The Smiths have four children and seven grandchildren.