



UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
Southern District of Mississippi
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ANNOUNCEMENT

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Chief U. S. District Judge Daniel P. Jordan III announced today that effective Friday, January 4, 2019, Senior Judge William H. Barbour, Jr. will assume inactive status, which is a type of retirement. “The judges of our Court join me in congratulating Judge Barbour on his thirty-five years of service to the federal judiciary,” Chief Judge Jordan said. “He has been a friend and mentor, and he will be deeply missed. We wish him well.”

A native of Yazoo City, Mississippi, Judge Barbour earned a bachelor’s degree from Princeton University in 1963 where he was a two-year letterman in football. He graduated from the University of Mississippi School of Law in 1966, and he also attended the Graduate Tax Program at New York University School of Law. A third generation attorney, Judge Barbour practiced law with his father in Yazoo City until he was appointed as an Article III judge to the United States District Court for the Southern District of Mississippi in 1983 by President Ronald Reagan. He served as Chief Judge from 1989 through 1996 and took senior status in February of 2006. He was succeeded by Judge Carlton W. Reeves in 2010.

At his request, Judge Barbour will be excused from the Court's civil and criminal case draws effective immediately. However, he will continue to handle all cases previously assigned to him through January 4, 2019, and he will remain assigned to certain cases after that date if they are not otherwise concluded.

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