

HON. CATHARINA HAYNES

Judge Catharina Haynes was appointed as a Circuit Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit in April of 2008 by President George W. Bush. Prior to taking the federal bench, she served eight years as a state district judge in Dallas. In addition to her judicial service, Judge Haynes spent thirteen years in private practice. She is board certified in Consumer and Commercial Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization.

Judge Haynes has been actively involved in the legal community for many years including serving on the Board of Directors of the Dallas Bar Association, on the Alumni Advisory Board of the Emory University School of Law, as Chair of the Appellate Judges Education Institute, and as Chair of the Appellate Judges Conference of the American Bar Association's Judicial Division. In 2016, she was appointed to the Judicial Conference Committee on the Administration of the Bankruptcy System where, in 2022, she concluded service as Chair of its Diversity Working Group which sponsored a national roundtable event entitled: "Roadways to the Federal Bench: Who, Me? A Bankruptcy Judge?" in 19 cities to foster diversity in the bankruptcy bench and bar in October of 2019. She currently serves on the Federal Judicial Center Appellate Judge Education Advisory Committee.

Judge Haynes has received several awards including the 2018 Distinguished Alumni Award from Emory University School of Law, the 2016 Honorary Alumna Award from the SMU Dedman School of Law and the 2014 Florida Tech Award of Distinction. She is a two-time recipient of the Dallas Bar Association's Jo Anna Moreland Outstanding Committee Chair Award and a recipient of the Award of Excellence from the DAYL Foundation. She and her husband, Craig, recently celebrated their 35th anniversary.