

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OKLAHOMA
PUBLIC NOTICE – Chief Judge John E. Dowdell Senior Status



The Honorable John E. Dowdell of the Northern District of Oklahoma has taken senior status effective June 21, 2021. Judge Dowdell received his commission from President Barack Obama on December 12, 2012, and served as Chief District Judge from 2019 to 2021.

He resides in Tulsa, Oklahoma and is a graduate of Wake Forest University and the University of Tulsa College of Law. Prior to joining the federal bench, Judge Dowdell clerked for the Honorable William

J. Holloway on the Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals. Afterwards he spent 29 years in private practice where he was involved in six cases before the U.S. Supreme Court, litigated numerous cases in front of the Tenth Circuit, and performed extensive pro bono representation of criminal defendants.

Judge Dowdell will continue to serve the Court as a Senior Judge.

Mark C. McCartt
Clerk of Court