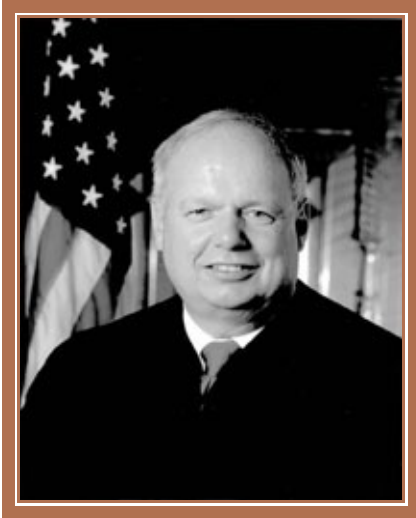


BIOGRAPHY

Honorable N. Randy Smith

Circuit Judge, Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals



Judge N. Randy Smith was appointed by President George W. Bush to serve on the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. He was unanimously confirmed by the United States Senate and thereafter sworn in on March 19, 2007. In addition to his duties as a Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals Judge, he has been appointed to hear federal District Court and Bankruptcy cases in Idaho and Montana.

Judge Smith now serves as Chairman of the Ninth Circuit Bankruptcy Committee and as a member of the Ninth Circuit ADR Committee. He was recently appointed by Supreme Court Chief Justice Roberts as a member of the Judicial Conference Committee on the Administration of the Bankruptcy System. Since joining the Court, Judge Smith has served on the Ninth Circuit Executive Committee, as Administrative Judge of the Northern Area of the Ninth Circuit; as Conference Chairman, Program Chairman, and member of the Executive Committee of the Ninth Circuit Judicial Conference.

Judge Smith also serves as the Chairman of the Appellate Judges Conference of the American Bar Association, Chair of the ABA Judicial Division Ethics Committee, and on the ABA Judicial Division Executive Committee.

Judge Smith teaches at Idaho State University, teaching Legal Environment of Business and Business Law. He also previously taught Political Science classes. Judge Smith was recently inducted into the Idaho Hall of Fame. He has also received the Idaho "Statesman of the Year" award, the Idaho Judiciary's George G. Granata, Jr. outstanding jurist of Idaho award, the Idaho State University outstanding teacher award, and an Outstanding Service Award from the Idaho State Bar Board of Commissioners.

Judge Smith was a District Judge in the Sixth Judicial District of the State of Idaho and also served as the Administrative Judge for that district. He also served as a pro tem justice on the Idaho Supreme Court and Idaho Court of Appeals and as a temporary judge in district courts throughout the state of Idaho. He mediated approximately one hundred federal and state civil cases each year. He also served on the Idaho State Judicial Council.

Judge Smith also serves as an emeritus member of the University of Idaho College of Law Visiting Committee and Idaho State University College of Business Visiting Committee; served as a member and President of the Idaho District Judges Association; as a member of the Idaho Law Foundation Board of Directors; member of Idaho State Civil Rules Advisory Committee; Chairman of the Small Lawsuit Resolution Committee; and United States Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals Judicial Conference Lawyer Representative for the District of Idaho.

Prior to being appointed to the bench, Judge Smith was a partner at Merrill & Merrill, Chtd., and prior to that as Corporate Counsel for the J.R. Simplot Company. Judge Smith graduated from Brigham Young University, J. Reuben Clark School of Law, in 1977 where he received the American Jurisprudence Taxation Award. He received his Bachelor of Science (Accounting) degree in 1974.