



About Judge Dan Hinde

Dan Hinde was appointed Judge of the 269th District Court of Harris County, Texas in November 2008. The voters elected him to a full 4 year term in 2010 and reelected him to his current term in 2014. He is board certified in Civil Trial Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization.

Judge Hinde grew up in Houston, graduating *summa cum laude* from Klein Forest High School. He was a National Merit Finalist, Drum Major of the marching band, and a member of the swim team.

Judge Hinde attended Texas A&M University, earning his Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering. He received the Buck Weirus Spirit Award for student leadership his senior year at Texas A&M and graduated *magna cum laude*.

After college, Judge Hinde entered the University of Texas School of Law. He served as an Articles Editor for the *Texas Law Review* and received his Doctor of Jurisprudence with Honors in 1997.

Following law school, Judge Hinde clerked for U.S. District Judge Sim Lake before joining Vinson & Elkins, LLP, where he practiced trial law for several years.

As a lawyer, Judge Hinde tried sixteen cases as first or second chair, including twelve jury trials, and he argued before the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit. He represented both plaintiffs and defendants and handled a wide variety of cases—including commercial, construction, corporate-governance, employment, energy, maritime, mass-tort, personal-injury, products-liability, securities-fraud, and technology litigation. He also prosecuted criminal cases and represented indigent defendants challenging their sentences.

Judge Hinde is a member of the Bar of the Supreme Court of the United States, the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Federal Circuit, and the United States District Courts for the Southern, Northern, and Eastern Districts of Texas. He is also a member of the College of the State Bar of Texas.

As a lawyer and now as a judge, Judge Hinde has involved himself in a number of bar and community activities. Before taking the bench, Judge Hinde represented *pro bono* the Houston Chapter of the American Red Cross and the Houston Society of the Archaeological Institute of America.

Judge Hinde is a member of the State Bar's Pattern Jury Charge Oversight Committee. Previously, Judge Hinde served two terms on the Court Rules Committee of the State Bar of Texas. He also serves on the Houston Bar Association's Judicial Polls Committee, and he previously led the HBA's Federal Practice Section as Chair.

Judge Hinde met his wife, Rosanna, at First Presbyterian Church of Houston. Rosanna and Judge Hinde are the proud parents of David and Anne.