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Judge John T. Fowlkes, Jr. Has Been Sworn in as United States District Judge

The United States District Court for the Western District of Tennessee is pleased to announce that Judge John T. Fowlkes, Jr. was sworn in on Thursday, August 2, 2012, by United States District Judge Samuel H. Mays, Jr. Judge Fowlkes assumed the bench on Monday, August 6, 2012. Joining his staff are Mrs. Phyllis Buchanan, his Judicial Assistant for the past two years, and Lorri Fentress, who will serve as his Case Manager. Judge Fowlkes and staff are in Room #942, Courtroom #7 Chambers, located on the 9th floor of the Federal Building. All proceedings will be heard in Courtroom #3 on the same floor.

Judge Fowlkes received his law degree from the University of Denver, School of Law, 1977, and his Bachelors of Arts in History from Valparaiso University, Valparaiso, Indiana, 1975. Judge Fowlkes joins the Court after serving five years as Criminal Court Judge of Division VI. Previously, Judge Fowlkes served as Chief Administrative Officer for former Shelby County Mayor AC Wharton. For thirteen years, Judge Fowlkes was an Assistant United States Attorney in the Western District of Tennessee rising to First Assistant United States Attorney. Nationally, Judge Fowlkes was an Instructor in the area of trial advocacy and an evaluator with the Department of Justice Executive Office for United States Attorneys. Judge Fowlkes has been married to Mrs. Michelle Fowlkes for forty years. They have two sons and three grandchildren and have lived in Memphis since 1977.