

NEWS RELEASE

United States District Court for the Western District of Tennessee www.tnwd.ucourts.gov

November 26, 2018

Mark S. Norris, Sr. Sworn in as United States District Judge

The United States District Court for the Western District of Tennessee is pleased to announce that Mark S. Norris took the Oath of Office in a private ceremony on November 8, 2018, to serve as a federal district judge for the United States District Court for the Western District of Tennessee and has commenced his official duties. A public investiture ceremony will be held on January 11, 2019.

Judge Norris was nominated by President Donald Trump and confirmed by the Senate on October 11, 2018. He was appointed to the position left vacant by U.S. District Judge J. Daniel Breen, who took senior status in 2017.

Judge Norris received his law degree from the University of Denver Sturm College of Law in 1980 and his Bachelor of Arts from Colorado College in 1977. Judge Norris has been a member of the litigation practice group at the law firm of Adams and Reese LLP since 2006. He was previously a partner with the law firm of Armstrong Allen where he had practiced since 1980.

Judge Norris was elected to the State Senate in 2000 and served as the Majority Leader from 2007 to 2018. Prior to that, Judge Norris served on the Shelby County Commission from 1994 to 2000.