



Judge Jeff Brown has served as the United States District Judge on Galveston Island since 2019. He previously served six years each as a justice on the Supreme Court of Texas, a justice on Texas' Fourteenth Court of Appeals, and judge of the 55th District Court.

A sixth-generation Texan, Judge Brown was born and raised in Dallas County. He received a B.A. in English from the University of Texas and his law degree, *magna cum laude*, from the University of Houston. He then clerked on the Texas Supreme Court, for Justices Jack Hightower and Greg Abbott, before practicing at Baker Botts in Houston. He is just the fourth Texas Supreme Court law clerk to later return to the court as a justice.

Judge Brown was named Outstanding Young Lawyer of Texas in 2006 and Appellate Judge of the Year by the Texas Association of Civil Trial & Appellate Specialists in 2010. He also received two judge-of-the-year awards as a state trial judge. He is co-editor of the *Texas Rules of Evidence Handbook* and board-certified in civil trial law.

While serving on the court of appeals, Judge Brown also volunteered weekly as a judge for Harris County's STAR Drug Court. STAR ("Success Through Addiction Recovery") is a therapeutic program for non-violent felony offenders who suffer from drug addiction.

While on the Supreme Court of Texas, Judge Brown co-founded and co-chaired Texas' Judicial Commission on Mental Health. As the court's liaison to the Texas Board of Law Examiners, he oversaw Texas' adoption of the Uniform Bar Exam.

A member of the American Law Institute, the American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA), and the Maritime Law Association, Judge Brown also serves on the boards of the *Houston Law Review*, the UH Law Foundation, and the Galveston County Bar Association. He has taught trial skills at the University of Houston Law Center, constitutional law at the National Judicial College, and comparative law as the Distinguished Visiting Jurist at St. Mary's Institute on World Legal Problems in Innsbruck, Austria. He is also on the editorial board of *The Advocate*, the quarterly journal of the State Bar of Texas' Litigation Section.

In 2016, Judge Brown, who became an Eagle Scout at age 16, received the Outstanding Eagle Scout Award from the National Eagle Scout Association.

Judge Brown and his wife, Susannah, live in a historic home on Galveston Island. They have three grown children.