



## **United States District Judge George C. Hanks, Jr.**

Judge Hanks is a native of Breaux Bridge, Louisiana. Prior to his appointment as a district judge by President Barack Obama, he served as a United States Magistrate Judge, a Justice on the Court of Appeals for the First District of Texas and as the judge of the 157th District Court in Houston. In private practice, Judge Hanks was a shareholder in the law firm of Wickliff & Hall, P.C. where he specialized in commercial and medical malpractice litigation. He previously worked at the law firm of Fulbright & Jaworski, LLP.

Judge Hanks graduated first in his class from Louisiana State University, receiving his Bachelor of Arts in economics, *summa cum laude*. He attended Harvard Law School where he received the Legal Defense Fund/Earl Warren Scholarship and was an editor of the Harvard Blackletter Law Journal. Upon graduation, he served as a law clerk for United States District Court Judge Sim Lake. He later received his Master of Laws degree from Duke University School of Law.

Judge Hanks is a member of the American Law Institute, American Board of Trial Advocates, and served as an adjunct professor at the University of Houston Law Center. Judge Hanks is also a member of the Advisory Board of the Judicial Education Program at George Mason University. He is a published legal author and a lecturer at continuing judicial education seminars throughout the country. He has served as a member of the Texas Judicial Panel for Multi-District Litigation and the Board of Directors of the Texas Bar College and the Judicial Section of the State Bar of Texas.