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JUDGE CLAY D. LAND

Biographical Sketch

Judge Land is Chief Judge for the Middle District of Georgia. He was appointed U.S. District Court Judge for the Middle District by President George W. Bush and sworn in on December 28, 2001. He is stationed in Columbus, Georgia. In addition to his district-wide chief judge duties, Judge Land's case assignments primarily arise from the Columbus and Athens Divisions. He has also presided over Multi-District Litigation (MDL) proceedings managing cases from all over the Country and has sat by designation with the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 11th Circuit. In addition to his traditional judicial duties, Judge Land has been actively involved in various administrative activities in support of the judicial branch, including his service on the Budget Committee for the Judicial Conference of the United States, the Eleventh Circuit Pattern Jury Instructions Committee and as the Georgia representative for the Federal Judges Association.

Prior to his appointment, Judge Land practiced law with the Columbus, Georgia law firm of Buchanan & Land, L.L.P. from 1992 through 2001. He was a founder and partner in that firm which specialized in civil litigation. Judge Land began practicing law in 1985 with the Columbus law firm of Hatcher, Stubbs, Land, Hollis & Rothschild where he became a partner and remained until 1992.

Judge Land served three terms in the Georgia General Assembly as a member of the State Senate from 1995 through 2000. He also served as a member of the Columbus City Council from 1993 through 1994.

Judge Land graduated *cum laude* from the University of Georgia School of Law in 1985 where he served on the *Georgia Law Review* and was inducted into the Order of the Coif. He received his undergraduate B.B.A. degree in accounting *magna cum laude* from the University of Georgia in 1982 and has served on the Board of Visitors for the University of Georgia Law School.