

PRESS RELEASE

United States District Judge Mark S. Davis has become the Chief Judge of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia - one of the thirteen original judicial districts in the United States. Chief Judge Davis was nominated in 2007 by President George W. Bush to a seat on the Court, and was unanimously confirmed by the United States Senate in 2008. A native of Portsmouth, Virginia, he received his Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Virginia, served on the staff of United States Senator John Warner, and then received his law degree from Washington and Lee University School of Law. Upon graduation from law school, Judge Davis served as a law clerk to United States District Judge John A. MacKenzie. After engaging in the private practice of law from 1989-2003, he was elected by the Virginia General Assembly in 2003 to become a judge of the Portsmouth Circuit Court. He served as Chief Judge of the Portsmouth Circuit Court from 2006-2008, before assuming his position as a United States District Judge. As Chief Judge, his chambers will remain in Norfolk, Virginia, but he will preside over the federal district courts in Alexandria, Richmond, Norfolk, and Newport News. The seven-year term as Chief Judge became effective December 4, 2018.