



HONORABLE JOHN D. BATES

Director

Administrative Office of the United States Courts

Judge John D. Bates was appointed Director of the Administrative Office of the United States Courts by Chief Justice John G. Roberts, Jr., and began his duties as Director on July 1, 2013. Judge Bates has been a federal judge since 2001, when he was appointed to the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia. He will retain his commission as an active district judge while serving as Director.

Judge Bates graduated from Wesleyan University, receiving a B.A. (history) in 1968. From 1968 to 1971, he served in the U.S. Army, including a tour in Vietnam. He received his J.D. degree in 1976 from the University of Maryland School of Law, where he was awarded *Order of the Coif* and was an editor of the *Maryland Law Review*.

Judge Bates clerked for Judge Roszel C. Thomsen of the United States District Court for the District of Maryland from 1976 to 1977. He was admitted to the District of Columbia Bar and Maryland Bar in 1976. He was in private practice as an associate at Steptoe & Johnson in Washington, DC, from 1978 to 1980. Judge Bates then served as an Assistant U.S. Attorney for the District of Columbia from 1980 to 1998, and was Chief of the Civil Division of the U.S. Attorney's Office from 1987 to 1998. He served on detail as Deputy Independent Counsel (Whitewater) from 1995 to 1997. In 1998, he joined the law firm of Miller & Chevalier, where he was Chair of the Government Contracts/Litigation Department and a member of the Executive Committee until his appointment to the United States District Court.

From 2005 to 2011, Judge Bates served on the Judicial Conference Committee on Court Administration and Case Management. In February 2006, he was appointed by Chief Justice Roberts to serve as a judge of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court, and he served as Presiding Judge of that court from May 2009 until February 2013. He has also served on the Advisory Committee for Procedures of the District of Columbia Circuit and on the Civil Justice Reform Committee for the District Court, and as Treasurer of the D.C. Bar, Chairman of the Publications Committee of the D.C. Bar, and Chairman of the Litigation Section of the Federal Bar Association. He was a member of the Board of Directors of the Washington Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights and Urban Affairs.