United States District Judge Carlton W. Reeves, a native of Yazoo City, Mississippi, assumed office on December 30, 2010. Immediately prior to his nomination by President Barack Obama, Judge Reeves was engaged in the private practice with Pigott Reeves Johnson, P.A., a law firm he co-founded in 2001. The focus of his practice was state and federal litigation.

He began his career as a law clerk to Justice Reuben V. Anderson of the Mississippi Supreme Court. He also served as staff attorney to the court, and then was an associate with the Phelps Dunbar law firm (1991-95) before serving as Assistant United States Attorney, Chief of the Civil Division for the Southern District of Mississippi (1995-2001).

A graduate of Jackson State University (1986) and the University of Virginia School of Law (1989), Judge Reeves, is a former President of the Magnolia Bar Association.