



Julie A. Robinson
United States District Judge for the District of Kansas

A fourth generation Kansan, Judge Julie Robinson is the first African American appointed a U.S. District Judge for the District of Kansas. Judge Robinson received her undergraduate and juris doctorate degrees from the University of Kansas, where she later was an instructor in trial practice for the law school and president of its Board of Governors. Before her judicial service, Judge Robinson was a law clerk, then an Assistant United States Attorney, handling civil and criminal cases. In 1994, Judge Robinson was appointed a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the District of Kansas, where she served until she was appointed a U.S. District Judge in 2001. Judge Robinson has served the federal judiciary in a variety of capacities including Chair of the Court Administration and Case Management Committee of the United States Judicial Conference, Chair of the District Court Judges Benchbook Committee, a member of the Workplace Conduct Working Group, a member of the Budget Committee, a member of the Strategic Planning Committee, and a Commissioner of the United States Supreme Court Fellows program. She was elected to the American Law Institute, has served on the Board of Trustees of the American Inns of Court Foundation and chairs the Board of Healing House of Kansas City. Judge Robinson was elected to the University of Kansas Women's Hall of Fame and has been honored to receive the Distinguished Alumni Award from the University of Kansas School of Law, the Distinguished Service and Courageous Judge awards from the Kansas Bar Association, and the Wiley Branton Award from the National Bar Association, among others.

Federal Judicial Service:

Judge, U.S. District Court, District of Kansas

Nominated by George W. Bush on September 10, 2001, to a seat vacated by G. Thomas VanBebber. Confirmed by the Senate on December 11, 2001 and received commission on December 13, 2001.

Served as chief judge, 2017-2021.

Assumed senior status in January 2022.

U.S. Bankruptcy Judge, District of Kansas, 1994-2001

Judge, U.S. Bankruptcy Appellate Panel for the Tenth Circuit, 1996-2001

Education:

University of Kansas, B.S., 1978

University of Kansas School of Law, J.D., 1981

Professional Career:

Law clerk, Hon. Benjamin E. Franklin, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, District of Kansas, 1981-1983

Assistant United States Attorney, District of Kansas, 1983-1994

Adjunct faculty, University of Kansas School of Law, 1989-1990