



Chief Judge Robert N. Davis
United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims

Chief Judge Robert N. Davis was nominated by President George W. Bush, confirmed by the Senate, and appointed a Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims in December 2004. He became Chief Judge on October 9, 2016.

Prior to his judicial appointment, Chief Judge Davis was a full tenured professor of law at Stetson University College of Law, Gulfport, Florida. He has also taught law at University of Mississippi School of Law, University of South Florida, Georgetown University Law Center, the University of Memphis, Washington and Lee University, University of Hawaii (summer program); Downing College, England (summer program), and Concordia International University, Estonia (summer). Judge Davis has lectured at Makerere University School of Law in Uganda and at the University of Papua New Guinea. Before joining the academic world, Chief Judge Davis practiced as an appellate attorney with the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, and worked in the business and administrative law division of the United States Department of Education. He also has extensive experience as an arbitrator and mediator with the American Arbitration Association, acting as a mediator with the United States Postal Service and an arbitration panel member with the United States Olympic Committee.

Chief Judge Davis served in the United States Navy as an intelligence officer. His active duty assignments included Headquarters European Command 1991, Stuttgart, Germany; Mediterranean Deployment Aboard the USS America 1993; Joint Analysis Center 1994, Molesworth, United Kingdom, DOD Foreign Officer Exchange Program 2000, Papua, New Guinea; Joint Fleet Exercise USS Coronado 2001, San Diego, CA; National Security Agency in 1997, 1998 and 2000; a presidential recall in 1999 to Bosnia; recall to active duty after the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001, to the Joint Intelligence Directorate at MacDill Air Force Base, Tampa, Florida; and Joint Staff Response Cell in support of OEF and OIF, Pentagon, 2005-2007.

Chief Judge Davis graduated from the University of Hartford, West Hartford, Connecticut, in 1975 and the Georgetown University Law Center, Washington, D.C., in 1978.