

Judge David Ishee's investiture is set for Jan. 28

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An investiture ceremony for Mississippi Court of Appeals Judge David M. Ishee is scheduled for Friday, Jan. 28, at 3:30 p.m. at the Great Southern Club in Gulfport.

The address is 1 Hancock Plaza. Great Southern Club is atop the Hancock Bank Building off U.S. 49 in downtown Gulfport.

Gov. Haley Barbour will be the keynote speaker. John Hairston, vice president of Hancock Bank, will introduce Gov. Barbour. Johnny Atherton, vice president of external affairs at Mississippi Power Company, will welcome participants and guests. Curt Hebert, executive vice president of external affairs at Entergy, will also make remarks.

Presiding Judge Billy G. Bridges of the Court of Appeals will administer the ceremonial oath of office to Judge Ishee.

Judge Ishee's wife and daughter, Linda and Lauren Ishee, will assist him in the robing ceremony.

A reception will follow immediately afterwards at the Great Southern Club.

Judge Ishee, 40, of Gulfport, was appointed by Gov. Barbour on Sept. 3, 2004, to the vacancy created by the death of Court of Appeals Judge James Thomas. Judge Ishee took the oath of office at the time of his appointment. It is traditional to have a formal investiture ceremony at a later time.

Judge Ishee previously served six years as a municipal judge in Pascagoula and five years in Gulfport. He also served as youth court judge pro tem for Jackson County for five years.

He spent 13 years in private law practice with his father-in-law, Elmo Lang, in Pascagoula and two years with the firm of Franke, Rainey & Salloum, PLLC, in Gulfport.

Judge Ishee earned his law degree from the University of Mississippi School of Law. He is former president of the Jackson County Young Lawyers Division and of the Jackson County Bar Association.

He served for two years as adjunct professor at Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College.

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