

## **Judge John Emfinger to take oath of office**

December 21, 2010

Circuit Judge John Emfinger will be sworn in as Judge of the Rankin County Circuit Court at 9 a.m. Dec. 28 at the Rankin County Courthouse in Brandon, and at 9 a.m. Dec. 29 at the Madison County Courthouse in Canton.

Judge Emfinger was elected in November to the Twentieth Circuit Court District, which is made up of Madison and Rankin counties. He will take the position previously held by Circuit Judge Samac Richardson. Judge Richardson did not seek re-election after serving as circuit judge for 13 years.

Circuit Judge William Chapman will become senior circuit judge for the district.

Judge-elect Emfinger served for 14 years as an assistant district attorney for the Twentieth Circuit Court District. He worked for nearly 10 years as a special assistant attorney general. He worked in the attorney general's Criminal Division, in the State and Local Government Section, and later as director of the attorney general's Public Integrity Division. He worked for a year as a staff attorney in the office of the Mississippi Secretary of State. He was in private law practice for about seven years.

He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in political science from Mississippi College and a law degree from Mississippi College School of Law.

He is a member of Crossgates Baptist Church.

He is married to Susan J. Emfinger. They have three daughters.

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