

Circuit Judge Marcus Gordon retires after more than 36 years on bench

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Circuit Judge Marcus D. Gordon on Friday, March 4, announced his retirement from the Eighth District Circuit Court of Leake, Neshoba, Newton and Scott counties. His resignation was effective immediately.

Judge Gordon said he retired due to his health. He said that neuropathy has impaired his ability to walk.

“I thank the people who let me have this office and stay in this office as long as I have,” Judge Gordon said. “They gave me their trust, and I am confident that in no fashion did I ever let that trust be violated.”

Supreme Court Chief Justice Bill Waller Jr. said, “I thank him for his long tenure and his commitment to the orderly administration of justice.”

At the time of his resignation, Judge Gordon, 84, of Union, was the longest serving trial judge in Mississippi. He served as Circuit Judge for more than 36 years.

Judge Gordon submitted his resignation on the anniversary of his appointment to the bench. Gov. Cliff Finch appointed him as Circuit Judge of the Eighth Circuit District on March 4, 1977, after Judge O.H. Barnett resigned. Judge Gordon left the bench and returned to private law practice for about three years in the late 1980s, practicing law with his nephew.

Judge Gordon previously served as district attorney for six and one-half years in the Eighth Circuit District. He was county prosecutor for Newton County for four years.

He was admitted to the bar in 1959. As a lawyer in private practice, he represented the Newton County Board of Supervisors as well as municipalities, school boards and hospitals.

He attended East Central Junior College in Decatur, now East Central Community College. He earned a bachelor's degree in business administration from the University of Mississippi and a law degree from the University of Mississippi School of Law.

He served four years in the U.S. Air Force as an airplane mechanic assigned to the Strategic Air Command.



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