

MICHAEL HAYGOOD SCHNEIDER

*United States District Judge
Eastern District of Texas*

MICHAEL H. SCHNEIDER has served as United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Texas since September 2004. Prior to taking the Federal Bench, he served as Justice for the Supreme Court of Texas, Chief Justice of the First Court of Appeals, State District Judge of the 157th District Court of Harris County and Municipal Judge, City of West University Place. He holds a L.L.M. from the University of Virginia School of Law, a J.D. from the University of Houston Law Center, a B.S. from Stephen F. Austin State University, and an A.A. from Lon Morris College.

He began his legal career as an Assistant District Attorney for Harris County. Later his practice included commercial transactions and litigation that took him throughout Western Europe, Africa and the Pacific rim. He distinguished himself as a Texas judge by being named "State District Judge of the Year" in 1995 and "State Appellate Judge of the Year" in 2001 by the Texas Association of Civil Trial and Appellate Specialists.

He is a Life Fellow of the Texas Bar Foundation and the Houston Bar Foundation. He has been elected to the American Law Institute and holds membership in the Federal Judges Association and the American Inns of Court. He was named "Alumnus of the Year" in 2016 by the University of Houston Law Center.

Judge Schneider and his wife, Mary, look forward to his retirement after his many years of service to the State of Texas and the Federal Judiciary.