

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS**

Press Release



BEAUMONT, TEXAS -- United States Senior District Judge for the Eastern District of Texas, Thad Heartfield, passed away Tuesday, December 27, 2022, at 82 years old.

Judge Heartfield was appointed by President William J. Clinton and served the Eastern District of Texas with distinction since 1995. Judge Heartfield was Chief Judge from 2003 to 2006. He assumed senior status in 2010.

Judge Heartfield hailed from Port Arthur, Texas. He attended St. Mary's University in San Antonio, Texas, receiving his undergraduate degree in 1962. In 1965, he graduated from St. Mary's School of Law. Thad Heartfield served as Assistant District Attorney for Jefferson County, Texas, 1965 through 1966. He was in private practice 1966 through 1969, and 1973 through 1995. He was a City Attorney in Beaumont, Texas, from 1969 through 1973. In addition, he served as Director of the Lower Neches Valley Authority from 1983 to 1994.

Judge Heartfield is survived by his wife, Cornelia "Cornie" Heartfield, and his children, J. Thad Heartfield and Jennifer Heartfield Fleming.