

**THE JUDICIAL COUNCIL  
UNITED STATES COURTS  
FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
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## **PRESS RELEASE**

Following a nationwide search, Chief Judge Carl E. Stewart announced the appointment of Paul Benjamin Anderson, Jr., as Circuit Executive of the Fifth Federal Judicial Circuit effective September 4, 2013. Mr. Anderson replaced Gregory A. Nussel, who retired after 31 years of court service, the past 17 years as Circuit Executive.

Mr. Anderson graduated from Samford University in Birmingham, Alabama, from which he also received his J.D. He served as Deputy Circuit Executive for the Fifth Circuit since July 2002. For 28 years preceding his appointment in the Fifth Circuit, Mr. Anderson held successively responsible positions in the United States Army, rising to the rank of Colonel and ultimately serving as Chief of the Pentagon's Administrative Law Division, Office of the Judge Advocate General.

Mr. Anderson was appointed Circuit Executive pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 332(e) by the Fifth Circuit Judicial Council, which is composed of 19 circuit and district judges. The Judicial Council has governance and oversight of all matters pertaining to the effective and expeditious administration of justice in the federal courts of Louisiana, Mississippi, and Texas.

The Circuit Executive is responsible for providing administrative support to the Chief Judge, Judicial Council, and the federal courts of the Fifth Circuit. Additional duties include coordination of the Court of Appeals budget, supervision of a circuit-wide information technology program, space and facilities management, and acting as liaison to other courts and the Administrative Office of the United States Courts.

