

RETIREMENT ANNOUNCEMENT

District Judge Ernie B. Armstrong, 132nd Judicial District, has notified Governor Greg Abbott that he will retire on December 31, 2021. Judge Armstrong was appointed to the bench by Governor George Bush and was sworn in as District Judge on July 1, 1995 to fill the unexpired term of Gene L. Dulaney. Since that time, Judge Armstrong has stood for re-election seven times with no opponent, making him the longest serving District Judge in Scurry and Borden County history.

Prior to his more than 26 years of service as District Judge, Judge Armstrong served as the District Attorney for Borden and Scurry Counties for over 10 years as well as representing the City of Snyder as its City Attorney beginning in 1975. Judge Armstrong moved to Snyder on September 1, 1975 to join the law practice of James Rosser, ultimately expanding the firm to include Dana Cooley, Mike Hartman and Ben Smith.

“I have had the extreme privilege of serving the great people of Borden and Scurry Counties for these many years. That these wonderful people have placed their confidence in me for more than six terms is a great honor.”

“I also want to thank the citizens of Scurry and Borden counties for their support over the years. I have been blessed to serve with many fine colleagues, both those on the bench, the employees and elected officials in both of my counties and the attorneys who practice before me. Following my retirement as the current sitting judge of the 132nd Judicial District, I intend to serve as a Senior District Judge, which will allow me to sit by assignment at this and other districts across the state.”

Judge Armstrong will remain in office, serving the 132nd Judicial District, until December 31, 2021. A new judge will then be appointed by Governor Abbott.