

We are deeply saddened by the passing of our dear friend and colleague the Honorable Edward G. Smith on November 27, 2023. Judge Smith was an outstanding jurist who served the public with distinguished scholarship, compassion, and diligence, and his passing is a tremendous loss for our Court.

Judge Smith was confirmed by the United States Senate in March 2014 and served with distinction as a district judge for the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania for nearly a decade. Prior to his federal judicial service, Judge Smith served for twelve years as a state trial judge on the Court of Common Pleas of Northampton County, Pennsylvania. In addition to his judicial career, Judge Smith served in the U.S. Navy for 30 years, rising to the rank of Navy Captain. Judge Smith studied at Franklin and Marshall College and the Dickinson School of Law where he graduated with honors. He also attended Naval Justice School where he graduated first in his class.

Judge Smith is an important part of our Court's history and continuing legacy, and a beloved member of our Court family who will be sorely missed. We ask for your kindness in respecting the privacy of Judge Smith's family, his many friends in the Bar, and our Court during this period of profound grief.

Chief Judge Juan R. Sánchez and the Judges of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania