



James T. Giles

Federal Judicial Service:

Judge, U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania
Nominated by Jimmy Carter on October 11, 1979, to a seat vacated by Herbert A. Fogel.
Confirmed by the Senate on November 26, 1979, and received commission on November 27, 1979. Served as Chief Judge, 1999-2005. Assumed senior status on February 11, 2008. Service terminated on October 3, 2008, due to retirement.

Education:

Amherst College, B.A., 1964
Yale Law School, LL.B., 1967

Professional Career:

Clerk, U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission: 1967
Field Attorney, National Labor Relations Board, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania: 1967-1968
Private Practice, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania: 1968-1979; 2008-

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Judicial Biography

James T. Giles was named to the bench by President Jimmy Carter at the age of 36.

*He was the third African-American named to the Eastern District and the last judge named by President Carter. His appointment came in 1979. He grew up in segregated southwestern Virginia but went to college at Amherst and then on to Yale Law School. Following his employment as a field attorney with the National Labor Relations Board, he became an associate and then a partner at Pepper, Hamilton & Scheetz in Philadelphia. He followed Edward Cahn as the Chief Judge of the Court, a position he held for six years.

Judge Giles retired from the bench in 2008 to return to the private practice of law where he has focused on alternative dispute resolution matters.

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