



Herbert J. Hutton

Born: November 26, 1937, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Died: April 8, 2007, in Wynnewood, Pennsylvania

**Federal Judicial Service:**

Judge, U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania

Nominated by Ronald Reagan on May 17, 1988, to a seat vacated by Clarence C. Newcomer.

Confirmed by the Senate on August 11, 1988, and received commission on August 12, 1988.

Assumed senior status on September 6, 2003.

Service terminated on April 8, 2007, due to death.

**Education:**

Lincoln University, Pennsylvania, A.B., 1959

Temple University School of Law (now James E. Beasley School of Law), J.D., 1962

**Professional Career:**

Attorney, Pennsylvania Housing and Home Finance Agency: 1962-1964

Private Practice, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania: 1964-1988

Hearing Officer, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania Board of Revision of Taxes: 1982-1988

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Judicial Biography

Judge Hutton attended Sayre Junior High School and graduated from West Philadelphia High School. He went on to Lincoln University where he received his Bachelor of Arts degree in 1959. He earned his J.D. from Temple University School of Law in 1962, and was admitted to the Pennsylvania Bar in 1963.

He began his professional career with the Pennsylvania Housing and Home Finance Agency, but soon after joined the firm of Norris, Schmidt, Green, Harris and Higginbotham, the first African-American law firm in Philadelphia where he later became a partner in 1969. The partnership later grew and changed to include Neal, Wells, Simpkins and Tucker. He also took on the role of Hearing Officer for the Board of Revision of Taxes in Philadelphia, in 1982. In August 1988, he was appointed by President Ronald Reagan to the position of United States District Judge, Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

Judge Hutton was an active member and leader in numerous professional, civic, charitable and social organizations. He was a member of the Philadelphia Bar Association, the Pennsylvania Bar Association, the Federal Bar Association, and the Federal Judges Association. He served on the Board of Trustees of the Philadelphia Bar Foundation, Board of Governors of the Philadelphia Bar Association, Board of Directors of the City Trusts, Board Member of the Philadelphia Revision of Taxes, and as a Trustee of Lincoln University. He was Past President and Board Member of the Philadelphia Council for Community Advancement, Past President and Board Member of Philadelphia Tribune Charities, served on the Board of Directors of YMCA of Philadelphia, and was a member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Phi Alpha Delta Fraternity, the Boule, the Guardsmen and the Commissioners.

Judge Hutton assumed senior status in 2003, and continued to serve in that capacity until 2007 when he passed away in Wynnewood, Pennsylvania at the age of 69.