

## HONORABLE STACEY G. C. JERNIGAN

Chief Judge, United States Bankruptcy Court  
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Judicial History: Appointed to the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Texas, Dallas Division, on May 12, 2006. Over 200 written opinions may be accessed at [www.txnb.uscourts.gov](http://www.txnb.uscourts.gov)

Prior Legal Experience (Private Practice): Practiced 17 years in the Business Reorganization and Bankruptcy Practice Group at Haynes and Boone, LLP (Dallas, TX office), 1989-2006. Head of Bankruptcy Practice Group (2000-2006); Partner (1997-2006); Associate (1989-1996). Represented all types of parties-in-interest in large Chapter 11 cases and out-of-court workouts. Specific industry expertise: energy companies; healthcare and other regulated entities; real estate businesses; public companies.

Prior Legal Experience (Public Sector—Special Assignment): Adviser to the California Legislature (Speaker of the Assembly Robert Hertzberg), Sacramento, California (Jan.-Aug. 2001), in connection with the California utility financial crisis involving PG&E utility company.

Teaching: Adjunct Professor, SMU Dedman School of Law, Creditors Rights.

### Recent Speeches and Panel Presentations:

- (1) *Elder Fraud*, FJC Workshop for Bankruptcy Judges, St. Petersburg, FL (Apr. 2025) and Minneapolis, MN (July 2025).
- (2) *Mass Torts and Existential Threats to Corporate Entities*, 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual University of Texas/Jay L. Westbrook Bankruptcy Conference, Austin, TX (Nov. 2024).
- (3) *First, Do No Harm: Overseeing Bankruptcies in Hospitals and Other Critical Care Settings*, FJC Workshop for Bankruptcy Judges, Overland Park, Kansas (June 2024).
- (4) *Non-Profit Companies in Bankruptcy*, Joint ABI/NCBJ Program, Seattle, WA (Sept. 2024).
- (5) *Bankruptcy Judges Panel*, Univ. Of Chicago/BYU Winter Bankruptcy Conference, Deer Valley, Utah (Mar. 2024).
- (6) *Arbitration in Bankruptcy*, ABI Winter Leadership Conference, Scottsdale, AZ (Nov. 2023)
- (7) *Chapter 11 Issues*, 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual University of Texas/Jay L. Westbrook Bankruptcy Conference, Austin, TX (Nov. 2023).
- (8) *Views from the Bench*, ABI Conference, Washington, DC (Sept. 2023).
- (9) *Bitcoin and Cryptocurrency*, ABI Southeast Bankruptcy Conference, Amelia Island, FL (July 2022).
- (10) *Fifth Circuit Cases that Every Bankruptcy Lawyer Should Know*, State Bar of Texas Bankruptcy Bench-Bar Conference, San Antonio, TX (June 2023).
- (11) *Hot Topics in Healthcare: What to Do When the Stimulus Money Runs Dry?* 41<sup>st</sup> Annual University of Texas/Jay L. Westbrook Bankruptcy Conference, Austin, TX (Nov. 2022).

Professional Memberships and Honors: Board Certified in Business Bankruptcy Law by the American Board of Certification; Member, National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges (International Committee and Security Committee); Fellow, American College of Bankruptcy (frequent speaker at its conferences); Fellow, Texas Bar Foundation; Fellow, Dallas Bar Foundation; Master, former Board Member, Serjeant of the Inn, and occasional Bankruptcy Course Instructor for John C. Ford American Inn of Court;

Member, American Bankruptcy Institute (frequent speaker at conferences); Bankruptcy Observer to Fifth Circuit Judicial Council; Member, State Bar of Texas Bankruptcy Section; Member, Dallas Bar Association Bankruptcy and Commercial Law Section; Co-Chair of the Center for American and International Law's Biennial Fifth Circuit Bankruptcy Bench-Bar Conference, New Orleans, LA (2016, 2018, 2020, 2022, 2024); Judicial Co-Chair of the National "Roadways to the Federal Bench: Who, Me? A Bankruptcy Judge?" (a diversity and inclusion event sponsored by the Judicial Conference of the United States Committee on the Administration of the Bankruptcy System)); Planning Committee for the Annual University of Texas/Jay L. Westbrook Bankruptcy Conference, Austin, TX (for approximately 20 years).

Miscellaneous Publications: Fiction legal thrillers: *Mystic Spires Post-Mortem: A Cold Case Legal Thriller*, ISBN: 978-1-61254-725-1 (Brown Books Publishing Oct. 14, 2025); *He Watches All My Paths*, ISBN: 978-1-79406-707-3 (Amazon Books 2019); *Hedging Death*, ISBN: 978-1-63363-581-4 (White Bird Publications 2022).

Education: J.D., University of Texas School of Law, 1989; B.B.A., *magna cum laude*, Southern Methodist University, 1986.

Personal: Married to a retired Dallas Police Officer. Mother to two adult children and two Cavalier King Charles Spaniels. The family enjoys international travel.