

Biography

Judge Jones received his commission as a U.S. Magistrate Judge in June 2015. Prior to that, he was a partner in the Madison, Wisconsin, and Washington, D.C., offices of Heller Ehrman and then Perkins Coie, where he focused on antitrust and intellectual property. In antitrust, he counseled and defended technology and financial services clients in monopolization actions, including trials of state-wide class claims. In IP, Judge Jones represented medical services and pharmaceutical companies in life-science patent and Hatch-Waxman trials across the country. In all, Judge Jones tried over twenty cases to verdict.

Judge Jones also maintained an active pro bono practice, representing inmates in constitutional challenges to their conditions of confinement and victims of discrimination, including class-wide claims of African Americans in Norfolk, Virginia, under the Fair Housing Act. He taught Legal Writing, the American Legal System, and Evidence as an adjunct at the University of Wisconsin Law School.

From 1995 to 2001, Judge Jones served as an Assistant U.S. Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin (Madison). His criminal cases ran from tax evasion to attempted murder of a corrections officer, and his civil cases included a trial verdict against an oil company for Clean Air Act violations, the assertion of claims for an HIV-positive child under the Americans with Disabilities Act, and the defense of federal agencies against employment discrimination claims.

Judge Jones started his legal career on active duty as an Assistant to the General Counsel of the Army in the Pentagon, where he advised senior leadership on environmental issues, such as the demilitarization of the Army's unitary chemical weapons stockpile and the remediation of Army CERCLA sites. He was honorably discharged in 1991.

He clerked for Chief Judge David B. Sentelle of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit, was a Distinguished Military Graduate of Creighton University, and received his J.D. with honors from Creighton Law School in 1987, where he was Editor-in-Chief of the law review.