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BIOGRAPHY

Judge Morris S. Arnold was appointed United States District Court Judge for the Western District of Arkansas on December 17, 1985, and United States Circuit Court Judge on June 1, 1992.

Judge Arnold was born in Texarkana, Texas. He graduated from Phillips Exeter Academy with a Classical Diploma in 1959, attended Yale University from 1959 to 1961, and in 1965 earned a B.S.E.E. degree from the University of Arkansas where he was elected to Tau Beta Pi in his junior year. In 1968, he graduated first in his class from the University of Arkansas Law School where he served as Note Editor and Editor in Chief of the *Arkansas Law Review*. In 1969, he received his LL.M. degree from Harvard and the following year he was appointed a Teaching Fellow in Law at the Harvard Law School. In 1970, he was awarded a Knox Fellowship from Harvard to study at the University of London. In 1971, he received his S.J.D. degree from Harvard and his dissertation was published by the Ames Foundation at the Harvard Law School.

In 1971, Judge Arnold began teaching at Indiana University Law School and, in 1977, he moved to the University of Pennsylvania where he was an Associate Dean of the law school and a Vice President of the University. In 1981, he was appointed Ben J. Altheimer Distinguished Professor of Law at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock. In 1982, he was appointed General Counsel of the Republican Party of Arkansas, and in 1983, he was elected State Chairman.

Judge Arnold served briefly as Dean of the Indiana University Law School before his appointment to the bench. He has also been a Visiting Professor at the Stanford Law School and has taught in the summer schools of the University of Texas and the University of Michigan. In 1978, he was a member of the faculty of laws of Cambridge University and a Visiting Fellow Commoner at Trinity College, Cambridge. He is the author of eight books and numerous articles, mostly on the subject of English legal history.



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