

# Clark in Federal Bar Association: A New Chapter In A Legal Career As Big As Texas, Judge Yeakel Re-Enters Practice

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Haynes Boone Lawyer [Alexander Clark](#) authored an article in an issue of *Federal Bar Association - YLD Perspectives* on U.S. District Judge Lee Yeakel's retirement from the bench.

Read an excerpt below:

As a former law clerk for U.S. District Judge Lee Yeakel, it is my distinct privilege to reflect on the career of a mentor, a role model, and an exemplary public servant on the occasion of his retirement from the bench. It's an occasion marked with mixed feelings, as we bid farewell to a paragon of jurisprudence whose incalculable contributions have indelibly shaped our legal landscape. Judge Yeakel's decision to transition to a role at King & Spalding as Senior Counsel in its Trial and Global Disputes group signals a new chapter in a professional journey that has been defined by a tireless commitment to justice, an unwavering adherence to legal principles, and an indomitable spirit of public service.

Before his distinguished tenure on the federal bench, Judge Lee Yeakel amassed an impressive legal career that laid the groundwork for his future judicial successes. A proud alumnus of the University of Texas and The University of Texas School of Law, he was an esteemed figure in the Texas legal community, boasting a diverse career in both public and private practice. After law school, he was in private practice for over 28 years. He was a member of the American Law Institute, a life member of the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws, a sustaining life fellow of the Texas Bar Foundation, and a fellow of the American Bar Foundation.

It is not talked about enough, but Judge Yeakel was also an officer in the United States Marine Corps. It should be no surprise because he embodies its core values: honor, courage, and commitment.

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