



**Catharina Haynes, Nominee for the United States
Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit.**

July 19, 2007

On Tuesday, July 17, 2007, President Bush nominated Catharina Haynes to the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit.¹ Haynes is a partner at Baker Botts LLP² where she returned after serving eight years as a civil district court judge in Dallas, Texas.³

Haynes is from Melbourne, Florida.⁴ She attended high school in Florida⁵ and then graduated first in her class with a Psychology degree at the age of nineteen from the Florida Institute of Technology.⁶ She graduated “second in her class from Emory University School of Law” at the age of twenty-two⁷ in 1986.⁸ She then moved to Dallas where “[s]he began her

¹ Press Release, White House, Office of the Press Secretary, Nominations Sent to Senate (July 17, 2007), at <http://www.whitehouse.gov/news/releases/2007/07/20070717-10.html>.

² Baker Botts LLP, *Catharina Haynes*, at <http://www.bakerbotts.com/lawyers/detail.aspx?id=ffe5c25f-3abd-4ffe-a630-0622c0a7ed35> (last visited July 19, 2007). Baker Botts LLP is a large firm with national and international offices. See <http://www.bakerbotts.com/home.aspx> (last visited July 19, 2007).

³ The White House, *Catharina Haynes*, at <http://www.whitehouse.gov/infocus/judicialnominees/haynes.html> (last visited July 19, 2007).

⁴ *Bush Nominates 4 to the Federal Bench*, July 17, 2007, at <http://www.townhall.com/News/News Article.aspx?contentGUID=613cc6ad-4484-42ef-a4ab-a13090773124>.

⁵ Melinda Millsap, *Catharina Haynes '83: Florida Tech Alumna Builds Successful Career Following Her Own Advice*, 15 Florida Tech Today (2006), available at <http://today.fit.edu/archives/psring06/alumni/profile/index.html>.

⁶ The White House, *supra* note 3.

⁷ *Id.*

⁸ Baker Botts LLP, *supra* note 2.

career as an associate with Thompson & Knight”⁹ In 1988, Haynes became an associate at Baker Botts LLP where she eventually became a partner and stayed until 1998.¹⁰

In 1998, Haynes, a Republican, was elected judge of the 191st Civil District Court in Dallas. She served for two four-year terms. A Democrat defeated her bid for a third term in 2006. The *Dallas News* recommended her during the elections, stating that “[s]he is considered an efficient administrator who handles her caseload smoothly and knows the law.”¹¹ Following her defeat, she returned to Baker Botts LLP where she remains today.¹²

Haynes has enjoyed a distinguished career, receiving appointments by the Supreme Court of Texas to the Court Reporters Certification Board and the State Bar of Texas Professional Ethics Committee.¹³ Haynes has also won several awards and professional honors,¹⁴ and she has multiple publications, speeches, and presentations to her name.¹⁵ Many of these relate to insurance issues, ethics and professionalism, and advice to attorneys about the practice of law.¹⁶

Haynes is married to attorney Craig Haynes who is a partner at Thompson & Knight¹⁷ and has been an elder in a Presbyterian church.¹⁸ In her years at the Florida Institute of Technology, Haynes was active in the Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship.¹⁹ She has also been

⁹ Sam Polak, *Judicial Profiles: Judge Catharina Haynes, 191st District Court*, at <http://www.dallasbar.org/judiciary/profiles.asp?item=25> (last visited July 19, 2007). Thompson & Knight has over four hundred attorneys located in several national and international offices. See <http://www.tklaw.com> (last visited July 17, 2007).

¹⁰ *Bush Nominates 4 to the Federal Bench*, *supra* note 4.

¹¹ *Civil District Court Recommendations*, Sept. 14, 2006, http://www.dallasnews.com/sharedcontent/dws/dn/opinion/editorials/stories/DN-civildist_14edi.ART.State.Edition1.3e3eaf4.html.

¹² Baker Botts LLP, *supra* note 2.

¹³ *Id.*

¹⁴ The White House, *supra* note 3.

¹⁵ Baker Botts LLP, *supra* note 2.

¹⁶ See *id.*

¹⁷ Thompson & Knight, *Craig A. Haynes*, at <http://www.tklaw.com/attorneys.cfm?u=HaynesCraigA&action=view&id=40040> (last visited July 19, 2007).

¹⁸ Youth Believing in Change, Youth Articles, at <http://www.ybc-live.org/yart.html> (last visited July 19, 2007).

¹⁹ Millsap, *supra* note 5.

actively involved in Youth Believing in Change,²⁰ a Christian organization that seeks to use biblical principles to help develop youth into leaders.

²⁰ Youth Believing in Change, *supra* note 18.