



United States District Judge George C. Hanks, Jr. was nominated by Barack Obama on January 7, 2015, to a seat vacated by Nancy F. Atlas. He was confirmed by the Senate on April 20, 2015, and received his commission on April 22, 2015. Judge Hanks was administered the oath of office on April 23, 2015. He will serve in the Galveston and Victoria Divisions of the Southern District of Texas.

Hanks was born in 1964, in Breaux Bridge, Louisiana. He graduated first in his class from Louisiana State University in 1986, receiving a Bachelor of Arts, summa cum laude. He received a Juris Doctor in 1989 from Harvard Law School. He received a Master of Laws degree in 2014 from Duke University Law School. He began his legal career by serving as a law clerk for Judge Sim Lake of the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas, from 1989 to 1991. He served as an associate at the law firm of Fulbright & Jaworski, from 1991 to 1996, and as a shareholder at the law firm of Wickliff & Hall, PC, from 1996 to 2000. In 2001, he was appointed by Governor Rick Perry to be a District Judge for the 157th Civil District Court of Texas. He was subsequently elected to the position in 2002. In 2003, he was again appointed by Governor Perry to serve as a Justice on the First Court of Appeals of Texas. He was elected to the position in 2004 and reelected in 2006. From September 13, 2010 to April 22, 2015, he served as a United States Magistrate Judge in the Southern District of Texas.

