

PHIL JOHNSON
JUSTICE
SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS

Justice Johnson was appointed to the Texas Supreme Court in March, 2005, by Gov. Rick Perry. He was serving as chief justice of the Seventh Court of Appeals in Amarillo at the time of his appointment.

He was elected to the Seventh Court of Appeals in 1998 and was elected chief justice in 2002. He practiced law from 1975 until 1998 with the Lubbock law firm of Crenshaw, Dupree & Milam, L.L.P.

Justice Johnson attended Texas Tech University School of Law, where he was a member of the law review and graduated with honors in 1975. He is a member of the Order of the Coif, has served on numerous committees of the State Bar, is a member of the College of the State Bar, is a Life Fellow of the Texas Bar Foundation and American Bar Foundation, and has served as president of the Lubbock County Bar Association. He is board certified in civil trial law and personal injury trial law. From 1965 until 1972 he served in the U.S. Air Force as a pilot. He is a Vietnam veteran.

Justice Johnson and his wife Carla have been married for thirty-four years. He has five children.

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Justice Phil Johnson received his undergraduate degree from Texas Tech University. He then entered military pilot training with the U.S. Air Force. Following flight training, Justice Johnson was assigned to the Republic of South Vietnam, where he flew as a pilot in fighter aircraft. His military decorations include the Silver Star, the Distinguished Flying Cross with bronze oak leaf cluster, and the Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry. After his tour of duty in Vietnam he served at Reese AFB, near Lubbock, as a flight instructor and flight examiner.

Justice Johnson attended law school at Texas Tech University. He served on the Law Review and graduated with honors. He is a member of the Order of the Coif.

Following law school, Justice Johnson practiced law with the firm of Crenshaw, Dupree and Milam in Lubbock. His law practice consisted primarily of civil litigation matters. He is board certified in civil trial law and personal injury trial law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization.

In November, 1998 Justice Johnson was elected to the Seventh Court of Appeals which sits in Amarillo. He was elected Chief Justice of the Seventh Court in November, 2002. In March, 2005 Governor Perry appointed him to the Texas Supreme Court.

Justice Johnson has been active in church, civic, and professional organizations. He has served at various times on the boards of directors or supervising committees of the Golden Spread Council of the Boy Scouts of America, Kiwanis, Southwest Lighthouse for the Blind, Lubbock Area Foundation, Lubbock County Legal Aid Society, Texas Association of Defense Counsel, Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, Region I Advisory Group, Trinity Christian Schools and the Carillon Foundation. He has served as president of the Lubbock County Bar Association, and has served on numerous committees of the State Bar of Texas, including pattern jury charge and alternative dispute resolution committees. He is member of the College of the State Bar and is a life fellow of both the Texas and American Bar Foundations. Justice Johnson is listed in Marquis' Who's Who in America and Who's Who in American Law.

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