

HONORABLE CARL E. STEWART was appointed on May 9, 1994 by President William J. Clinton to the United States Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals. He became Chief Judge of the United States Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals on October 1, 2012. The Fifth Circuit encompasses, Texas, Mississippi, and Louisiana and is located in New Orleans. He is a charter member of the Harry V. Booth and Judge Henry A. Politz Chapter of American Inns of Court in Shreveport. He serves as President of the American Inns of Court Foundation.

He is a member of the American, National, Federal, Louisiana and Shreveport Bar Associations, and the Federal Judges Association. He is a past chairman of the Advisory Committee on the Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure of the Judicial Conference of the United States. Chief Judge Stewart is a member of the National Bar Association Judicial Council and the Just the Beginning Foundation of African-American Federal Judges. Chief Judge Stewart serves on the Centenary College Board of Trustees.

He holds Honorary Doctor of Laws degrees from Centenary College of Louisiana, Mississippi College School of Law, Loyola University New Orleans College of Law, and Suffolk University School of Law. He received his B.A. degree (Magna Cum Laude) from Dillard University in 1971 and his J.D. from Loyola University New Orleans School of Law in New Orleans in 1974. He is a frequent speaker and volunteer in Caddo-Bossier area schools and universities. He has received several commemoratives and awards as a result of his civic and community involvement.