

Attorney seeks removal of judge in Wal-Mart suit

FORT WORTH (AP) — An attorney questioning the impartiality of District Judge Bruce Auld in presiding over a lawsuit against Wal-Mart Stores Inc. has filed a motion seeking Auld's removal from the case.

The motion filed last week by plaintiff attorney Wallace Craig said Auld is involved in a parental rights and adoption proceeding against a woman represented by Craig.

Craig asked the Texas Supreme Court to appoint a judge to decide whether Auld should continue presiding over the suit against Wal-Mart.

Craig claims that Auld's impartiality "might reasonably be questioned" because of involvement in both cases.

"I have verified by independent sources (Rhonda Thorpe) Christian's allegation that Bruce Auld was the attorney handling the termination and adoption proceedings in which Auld and his wife were adopting parents," Craig said in a sworn affidavit filed in the Tarrant County Civil District Clerk's Office.

Auld has refused, so far, to excuse himself from the Wal-Mart suit.

Some Texas federal judges get paid for doing nothing

Poll shows 1/3 of inactive judges get full salaries

HOUSTON (AP) — One-third of the senior federal judges in Texas are collecting full salaries and nearly won a 50 percent pay raise even though they do no work, according to an Associated Press survey.

Of the 15 judges on senior status, meaning they have retired but may continue to work, five do not hear cases.

Last month, the Associated Press reported that nationally 20 percent of all senior federal judges stood to collect the pay raise, eventually rejected by Congress, even though they no longer handle court cases.

A complex retirement system allows the judges to reduce their caseloads sharply while still qualifying for active-duty pay increases.

The inactive senior judges in Texas include James Noel Jr., Carl O. Bue and Owen Cox, all of Houston; Joe Ewing Estes of Dallas and 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals Judge Joe McDonald Ingraham of Houston.

Noel performed his last judicial duty in 1978 after taking senior status in 1976.

Bue retired in 1987 and has not heard a case, according to Jesse Clark, clerk for the Southern District of Texas, headquartered in Houston.

Cox retired in 1981, did substantial work for most of a year until he became ill and is now on a life-support system, Clark said.

Estes' personnel director, Ellen Cole, said the judge is bedridden.

She did not know when he took his last case.

Ingraham, who retired in 1973, has not heard a case since 1984, according to Lydia Comberrel, a spokesman for the appellate court.

Bue and Ingraham did not return numerous calls

from the AP. Estes declined to take calls, Cole said.

Noel said his decision to opt for senior status was "a matter of choice."

He added that he regularly travels to his office to manage what he termed "extensive investments."

Although judges may opt to retire through resignation, senior status is by far the more popular option with 306 federal judges in the country choosing to do so.

Congress created the senior judge category in 1919 as a way of luring older jurists to help ease court workloads.

Most of the Texas senior judges still working are critical of Congress for not granting them a pay raise.

In Texas, the workload is heavy.

And the Southern District has the biggest backlog of cases in the country. In addition, there are two vacancies created by the resignation of U.S. District Judge Gabrielle McDonald and the retirement last year of John V. Singleton, Clark said.

The district also was recommended to expand by three judges in 1982, but that has not happened, according to the clerk.

"I try as many cases, but I don't manage a docket," Judge Woodrow Seals of Houston, who took senior status in 1982, says of his workload.

"I've been trying cases since I retired. I only try the cases other judges can't handle. If I can take a case that lasts two months off their dockets, they'll be able to clear a lot of other cases. I don't mind working hard."

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