



**Bio of Judge Dennis Powell  
Senior Judge,  
Retired from the 163<sup>rd</sup> District  
Court,  
Orange County, Texas**

Judge Dennis Powell served as Judge of Orange County's 163<sup>rd</sup> District Court for 20 years (1/1/2001 – 12/31/2020) before retiring; the 163<sup>rd</sup> District Court is one of general jurisdiction, so Judge Powell presided over a variety of cases, civil, domestic and criminal. Since retiring from the active trial bench, he has taken Senior Judge Status and is eligible to sit by assignment.

Prior to being elected to the bench, he served for 18 years as a trial lawyer in the areas of civil, domestic and criminal law.

Judge Powell received his B.S. in Secondary Education from Lamar University in 1973, and his J.D. from the University of Houston in 1981, where he served as an editor on the law review.