Stephen Yelenosky Senior District Judge

Senior Judge Stephen Yelenosky was the judge of the 345th District Court of the State of Texas, a constitutional trial court. During his tenure he presided over civil cases of all types, including a precedent-setting decision, affirmed by the Texas Supreme Court, regarding state Medicaid law. After 12 years on the bench, and two re-elections without opposition, he chose not to run for a fourth term. Since 2017 he has served as a mediator, arbitrator, special judge, special master, and litigation consultant. He also returns to the bench on occasion as a Visiting Judge.

Senior Judge Yelenosky is a member of the National Academy of Distinguished Neutrals. Membership is by invitation only and all Academy members have been thoroughly reviewed and found to meet stringent practice criteria. The National Academy of Distinguished Neutrals is a professional association of ADR professionals distinguished by their experience in the field of civil and commercial conflict resolution. Members are among the most in-demand neutrals in their respective states, as selected by their peers and approved by local litigators.

By appointment of the Texas Supreme Court, Yelenosky has served for thirty years as a member of the Court's Advisory Committee also known as the "rules committee". During his tenure as a trial judge, he was also twice appointed by the Chief Justice to serve as a justice of the court of appeals in place of a recused judge. Senior Judge Yelenosky is a member of the editorial board of "The Advocate," a quarterly symposium of legal articles published by the State Bar's Litigation Section. Judge Yelenosky is a cum laude graduate of Harvard Law School and a magna cum laude graduate of Princeton University.