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Judge Dean retiring, effective Sept. 30



GARY J. DEAN

Mayes County Special District Judge Gary J. Dean is retiring from the bench, effective Sept. 30.

"I feel like I am really ready to get back into the active practice of law and looking forward to it," Dean said.

Judge Dean, who was originally appointed to his position on Jan. 1, 1999, intends to do pro-bono (volunteer) work to assist victims of domestic violence, and continue with his private practice of criminal, family, juvenile, personal injury and business law.

Dean indicated that District Judge Terry McBride advised him he looked forward to Dean continuing to serve Mayes County courts with special appointments to assist in mediation, juvenile and family law, and other areas in which the court appoints attorneys to represent parties.

Dean began his law practice with Tony Jack Lyons following his graduation from the University of Oklahoma College of Law in 1966. In 1983, he opened his own offices until his judicial appointment in 1999.