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Governor Appoints William E. Chapman, III, as Circuit Court Judge for 20th District

Jackson, MS -- Governor Ronnie Musgrove has appointed William E. Chapman, III, of Ridgeland, Mississippi, as Circuit Court Judge for the 20th District of Mississippi. The appointment is effective July 3, 2001, and will end December 31, 2003. Chapman will be completing the unexpired term of John T. Kitchens, who resigned June 30, 2001.

“William Chapman has demonstrated his commitment to the law and his abilities in the courtroom,” said Governor Musgrove. “I am confident that, as Circuit Court Judge, he will serve the people and the court with integrity.”

Chapman was born August 28, 1951, in Jackson, Mississippi. He graduated from the University of California, Irvine, in 1978, and received his law degree from the Mississippi College School of Law in 1981.

He practiced general law from 1981-1983. Since then, he has served as an attorney with the U.S. Small Business Administration; Daniel, Coker, Horton & Bell, P.A.; and the Madison/Rankin County District Attorney’s office. He has served as Assistant Secretary of State for Business Regulation and Enforcement since May 2000.

Chapman is married and the father of a 13-year-old daughter.