

Hon. Alan D. Albright

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Judge Albright is the federal district judge for the Western District of Texas, Waco Division. Judge Albright earned his J.D. from The University of Texas School of Law and clerked for The Honorable James R. Nowlin in Austin, Texas. From 1992–99, he served as a Magistrate Judge. Prior to taking the district court bench in 2018, Judge Albright practiced IP litigation as a partner in the Austin office of Bracewell, LLP. He was recently inducted into the American College of Trial Lawyers.

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