

## **JEFFERY P. HOPKINS**

### **CLASS OF 1978**



Hon. Jeffery P. Hopkins was appointed to the U.S. District Court for the S.D. of Ohio on December 8, 2022. Judge Hopkins was born in southwest Georgia and raised in Ohio where he attended public schools until 8th grade. He attended high school at Middlesex School in Concord, Massachusetts on an academic scholarship and graduated from Bowdoin College with a dual degree in government and legal studies and anthropology-sociology. There, Judge Hopkins was elected by the College faculty to deliver the commencement address. He received the Class of 1868 Award for his speech. Judge Hopkins obtained his Juris Doctorate from The Ohio State University, Michael E. Moritz College of Law.

Upon graduation, Judge Hopkins served as senior law clerk to Hon. Alan E. Norris on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit. Following his clerkship, Judge Hopkins became an associate with the law firm Squire, Patton & Boggs. Judge Hopkins was appointed as an Assistant U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of Ohio and advanced to serve as Chief of the Civil Division. Judge Hopkins was first appointed to the Bankruptcy Court on April 1, 1996, by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit and was reappointed in 2010. Judge Hopkins has also served as a visiting judge in the Middle District of Florida, Ft. Myers Division by appointment of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit.

Judge Hopkins has served on the faculty of the University of Cincinnati College of Law as an adjunct professor, and he has given lectures at numerous programs and conferences on topics such as ethics, professionalism, bankruptcy law and debt restructuring throughout the United States and in Brazil. He has authored over 120 published opinions and served as an editor for Bloomberg Law on the Bankruptcy Law Treatise. In 2010, Judge Hopkins received the William K. Thomas Distinguished Jurist Award from The Ohio State University and gave the commencement address. In 2024, Judge Hopkins received the Ohio State Bar Foundation's Ritter Award for his accomplishments in attaining and promoting the highest level of professionalism, integrity and ethics in the practice of law.