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**TWELFTH COURT OF APPEALS  
CHIEF JUSTICE ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT**

Chief Justice Jim Worthen announced today that he will retire at the end of his current term with the Twelfth Court of Appeals, which runs through December 31, 2026.

Worthen was first elected to the Court in 1998. He has served as its chief justice since January 1, 2003.

“I want to thank the citizens of East Texas for the honor of serving them on the Twelfth Court of Appeals”, Worthen said. I look forward to transitioning to the new leadership they will choose for the Court.”

This announcement may be found on [www.txcourts.gov](http://www.txcourts.gov).

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