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Chief Judge Kevin Sharp (Fmr.) U.S. District Court, Middle District of Tennessee Nashville, TN

Kevin Sharp began his career as a Petty Officer in the U.S. Navy in 1982. He served for four years before attending university, and later, law school. Sharp was an attorney in the Office of Compliance of the U.S. Congress from 1996 to 1997. He would go on to work in private practice for the next 14 years.

In 2010, Sharp was nominated by President Barack Obama and confirmed by the U.S. Senate as a District Judge for the Middle District of Tennessee. As a federal judge, he presided over 75 trials and 60 contested evidentiary hearings, ranging from complex commercial cases to issues of excessive force by law enforcement. Notable cases include Rodriguez v. Providence Community Corrections, Inc., which halted the practice of a private probation company seeking to jail probationers for nonpayment of court costs and fines.

Sharp left the federal bench in 2017 and is the managing partner of his private practice with Sanford Heisler Sharp, LLP in Nashville, Tennessee. He is a member of the American, Tennessee, and Nashville Bar Associations and is admitted to the U.S. Supreme Court; U.S. 6th Circuit Court of Appeals; and the Eastern, Western, and Middle Districts of Tennessee; the Northern District of Ohio; the Eastern District of Michigan and the Eastern District of Wisconsin. He holds a B.S. from Christian Brothers University and a J.D. from Vanderbilt University.

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