

## **Dever steps down**

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# **Judge James C. Dever III, the federal judge slated to handle the sentencing of former House Speaker Jim Black, has stepped aside.**

He cited the public's need for closure and said reassigning the case to another judge would be in the people's best interest. While a private practice attorney, Dever sued Black and other state officials on behalf of state Republican leaders. His impartiality has been questioned by Black and others.