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The Oklahoma Panhandle Has A New U.S. Attorney.
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Sanford Coats recently took the oath of office as the new U.S. attorney for the Western District of Oklahoma.

President Barack Obama nominated Coats on Sept. 30 and the U.S. Senate confirmed his nomination on Christmas Eve.

Coats previously served as an Assistant U.S. Attorney working as chief of the major crimes section. He held that job since 2004 until his recent nomination. Previously, he worked in private practice in Oklahoma City.

Law runs in Coats' family as his father, Andrew Coats, is a former district attorney and mayor in Oklahoma City. His father is currently dean of the University of Oklahoma College of Law.

Coats was nominated as U.S. attorney after John Richter stepped down in August. Robert Troester had been serving as the acting U.S. attorney for the district. The Western District covers 40 of the 77 counties in Oklahoma.

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