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JUDICIAL NOMINATION COMMISSION**

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The Honorable Charles Allen
Chairperson, Committee on the Judiciary and Public Safety
Council of the District of Columbia
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Suite 110
Washington, DC 20004

Dear Chairperson Allen:

On behalf of the District of Columbia Judicial Nomination Commission ("Commission"), I respectfully provide the following responses to the questions set forth in your letter dated January 15, 2019.

General Questions

1. Please provide a current organizational chart for the agency, including the number of vacant, frozen, and filled positions in each division or subdivision. Include the names and titles of all senior personnel, and note the date that the information was collected on the chart.

- a. Please provide an explanation of the roles and responsibilities of each division and subdivision.

Response: See Attachment 1, the Commission's organizational chart.

- b. Please provide a narrative explanation of any changes to the organizational chart made during the previous year.

Response: There were no organizational changes made during the previous year.

2. Please provide a current Schedule A for the agency which identifies each position by program and activity codes, with the employee's name, title/position, salary, fringe benefits, and length of time with the agency. Please note the date that the information was

collected. The Schedule A should also indicate if the position is continuing/term/temporary/contract or if it is vacant or frozen. Please separate salary and fringe and indicate whether the position must be filled to comply with federal or local law.

Response: See Attachment 2, Schedule A.

3. Please list all employees detailed to or from your agency. For each employee identified, please provide the name of the agency the employee is detailed to or from, the reason for the detail, the date of the detail, and the employee's projected date of return.

Response: None.

4. Please provide the Committee with:

- a. A list of all vehicles owned, leased, or otherwise used by the agency and to whom the vehicle is assigned, as well as a description of all vehicle collisions involving the agency's vehicles in FY18 and FY19, to date; and

Response: None.

- b. A list of travel expenses, arranged by employee for FY18 and FY19, to date, including the justification for travel.

Response: None.

5. For FY18 and FY19, to date, please list all intra-District transfers to or from the agency and the purpose for each transfer.

Response: See Attachment 3.

6. For FY18 and FY19, to date, please identify any special purpose revenue funds maintained by, used by, or available for use by the agency. For each fund identified, provide:

- a. The revenue source name and code;
- b. The source of funding;
- c. A description of the program that generates the funds;
- d. The amount of funds generated by each source or program;
- e. Expenditures of funds, including the purpose of each expenditure; and
- f. The current fund balance.

Response: None.

7. For FY18 and FY19, to date, please list any purchase card spending by the agency, the employee making each expenditure, and the general purpose for each expenditure.

Response: See Attachment 4.

8. Please list all memoranda of understanding (“MOU”) entered into by your agency during FY18 and FY19, to date, as well as any MOU currently in force. For each, indicate the date on which the MOU was entered and the termination date.

Response: The Commission entered into an MOU with the United States Department of Justice Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), Information Management Division, on November 29, 2018; it will remain in effect through September 30, 2019. The MOU addresses the Commission’s use of the FBI National Name Check Program (NNCP), which the Commission uses to secure information concerning applicants for judicial vacancies, including the Commission’s responsibilities, the FBI NNCP’s responsibilities, and Privacy Act requirements. Prior to November 29, 2018, the Commission had entered into an InterAgency Agreement with the FBI Records Management Division, which was in effect from October 27, 2015, to September 30, 2018, and which also covered the Commission’s use of the FBI’s NNCP. The Commission intends to enter into another MOU with the FBI upon the expiration of the current MOU.

9. Please summarize and provide the status of all existing capital projects and those in the financial plan, including a brief description, the amount budgeted by fiscal year, actual dollars spent, and any remaining balances (by type of funds). In addition, please provide:
 - a. An update on all capital projects concluded in FY17, FY18, and FY19, to date, including the amount budgeted, actual dollars spent, any remaining balances, and whether the project had an impact on the operating budget of the agency. If so, please provide an accounting of such impact.

Response: The Commission has no capital projects under its purview.

10. Please provide a list of all budget enhancement requests (including capital improvement needs) for FY18 and FY19, to date. For each, include a description of the need, the amount of funding requested, and whether the request was approved or denied.

Response: None.

11. Please list, in chronological order, each reprogramming in FY18 and FY19, to date, that impacted the agency, including those that moved funds into the agency, out of the agency, and within the agency. For each reprogramming, list the date, amount, program and activity codes, rationale, and reprogramming number.

Response: None.

12. Please list each grant or sub-grant received or distributed by your agency in FY18 and FY19, to date. List the date, amount, source, purpose of the grant or sub-grant received or distributed, and amount expended.

Response: None.

- a. How many FTEs are dependent on grant funding at your agency? What are the terms of this funding? If it is set to expire, what plans, if any, are in place to continue funding the FTEs?

Response: None.

13. Please list each contract, procurement, and lease, entered into, extended, and option years exercised by the agency during FY18 and FY19, to date. For each contract, please provide the following information, where applicable:

- a. The name of the contracting party;
- b. The nature of the contract, including the end product or service;
- c. The dollar amount of the contract, including amount budgeted and amount spent;
- d. The term of the contract;
- e. Whether the contract was competitively bid;
- f. The name of the agency's contract monitor and the results of any monitoring activity; and
- g. The funding source.

Response: None.

14. Please list all pending lawsuits that name the agency as a party. Identify which cases on the list are lawsuits that potentially expose the District to significant financial liability or will result in a change in agency practices, and describe the current status of the litigation. Please provide the extent of each claim, regardless of its likelihood of success. For those identified, please include an explanation about the issues involved in each case.

Response: None.

15. Please list all settlements entered into by the agency or by the District on behalf of the agency in FY18 or FY19, to date, and provide the parties' names, the amount of the settlement, and if related to litigation, the case name and a brief description of the case. If unrelated to litigation, please describe the underlying issue or reason for the settlement (e.g. administrative complaint, etc.).

Response: None.

16. Please list the administrative complaints or grievances that the agency received in FY18 and FY19, to date, broken down by source. Please describe any changes to agency policies or procedures that have resulted from complaints or grievances received. For any

complaints or grievances that were resolved in FY18 or FY19, to date, describe the resolution.

Response: None.

17. Please list and describe any complaints or allegations of sexual harassment or other forms of sexual misconduct received by the agency in FY18 and FY19, to date, whether or not those complaints or allegations were resolved.

Response: None.

18. Please list and describe any ongoing investigations, audits, or reports on or of the agency, or any investigations, studies, audits, or reports on the agency that were completed in FY18 and FY19, to date.

Response: None.

19. Please describe any spending pressures the agency experienced in FY18 and any anticipated spending pressures for the remainder of FY19. Include a description of the pressure and the estimated amount. If the spending pressure was in FY18, describe how it was resolved, and if the spending pressure is in FY19, describe any proposed solutions.

Response: None.

20. Please provide a copy of the agency's FY18 performance plan. Please explain which performance plan objectives were completed in FY18 and whether they were completed on time and within budget. If they were not, please provide an explanation.

Response: See Attachment 5. All FY18 performance plan objectives were completed on-time and within budget.

21. Please provide a copy of your agency's FY19 performance plan as submitted to the Office of the City Administrator.

Response: See Attachment 6.

22. Please describe any regulations promulgated by the agency in FY18 or FY19, to date, and the status of each.

Response: None.

23. Please provide a list of all studies, research papers, reports, and analyses that the agency prepared or for which it contracted in FY18 and FY19, to date. Please state the status and purpose of each. Please submit a hard copy to the Committee if the study, research paper, report, or analysis is complete.

Response: The Commission updates annually its cumulative report on recommendations to fill judicial vacancies in the District of Columbia Court of Appeals and the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, in addition to designations to the position of Chief Judge of each Court. A copy of the most recent report, which covers activity through September 30, 2018, accompanies this letter.

24. Please separately list each employee whose salary was \$100,000 or more in FY18 and FY19, to date. Provide the name, position number, position title, program, activity, salary, and fringe. In addition, state the amount of any overtime or bonus pay received by each employee on the list.

Response: See Attachment 7.

25. Please list in descending order the top 25 overtime earners in your agency in FY18 and FY19, to date, if applicable. For each, state the employee's name, position number, position title, program, activity, salary, fringe, and the aggregate amount of overtime pay earned.

Response: See Attachment 8.

26. For FY18 and FY19, to date, please provide a list of employee bonuses or special pay granted that identifies the employee receiving the bonus or special pay, the amount received, and the reason for the bonus or special pay.

Response: None.

27. Please provide each collective bargaining agreement that is currently in effect, **and differs from that submitted last year**, for agency employees. Please include the bargaining unit and the duration of each agreement. Please note if the agency is currently in bargaining and its anticipated completion.

Response: There is no collective bargaining agreement that is currently in effect.

28. If there are any boards or commissions associated with your agency, please provide a chart listing the names, confirmation dates, terms, wards of residence, and attendance of each member. Include any vacancies.

Response: See Attachment 9 for a listing of Commission members, current as of February 1, 2019. As previously communicated to the Committee, the Commission cannot disclose on the public record the Ward of residence of the current Chairperson, US District Judge Emmet G. Sullivan.

Per DC Code § 1-204.34(c)(1) and (3), proceedings of the Commission are closed to the public, and DC Code § 1-207.42 does not apply. In addition, information, records, and other materials furnished to, or developed by, the Commission during the performance of

its duties are privileged and confidential. As a result, the Commission respectfully declines to list the attendance of each member at its meetings.

29. Please list all reports or reporting currently required of the agency in the District of Columbia Code or Municipal Regulations. Provide a description of whether the agency is in compliance with these requirements, and if not, why not (e.g. the purpose behind the requirement is moot, etc.).

Response: None.

Agency Operations

30. Please describe any initiatives that the agency implemented in FY18 or FY19, to date, to improve the internal operations of the agency or the interaction of the agency with outside parties. Please describe the results, or expected results, of each initiative.

Response: During FY18, the Commission's Executive Director met with a representative from the Office of the Chief Technology Officer (OCTO) regarding developing a secure webpage that will allow applicants to submit their application materials online. OCTO is in the process of preparing a proposal that will include several options for receiving application materials online via a secure webpage.

Currently, application materials must be delivered to the Commission in paper format to ensure that applicants' personally identifying information (PII) is not placed at risk by the Commission during the application process. A secure web page for submitting application materials would modernize the application submission process by eliminating the need for applicants to deliver their application materials in-person or send their application materials to the Commission via the United States Postal Service or other shipping provider. It would also streamline internal operations of the agency, as it would eliminate the need for the Commission's staff to manually scan materials that are saved in the Commission's shared drive or uploaded to the Commission's applicant database.

31. What are the agency's top five priorities? Please explain how the agency expects to address these priorities in FY19. How did the agency address its top priorities listed for this question last year?

Response: The Commission's top five priorities are:

- Timely recommend to the President of the United States a list of three persons for possible nomination for each vacancy on the District of Columbia Court of Appeals (DCCA) and the Superior Court of the District of Columbia (Superior Court);
- Timely designate Chief Judges for the DCCA and the Superior Court;
- Timely publicize vacancies on the DCCA and the Superior Court;
- Conduct regular outreach sessions to educate the legal community about the judicial application and selection process; and

- Maintain a secure applicant database to streamline the application and review process, while maintaining appropriate data safeguards.

The Commission continues to track judicial terms and maintains close contact with the District of Columbia Courts leadership and the District of Columbia Commission on Judicial Disabilities and Tenure. By doing so, the Commission is able to ensure that it timely identifies and publicizes upcoming vacancies. Timely identifying and publicizing vacancies has, and will continue to enable the Commission to receive and process applications within a sufficient timeframe to conduct thorough background investigations, request and receive public comment on candidates, carefully consider applications, and make recommendations to the President within the statutory deadline.

The Commission continues to work with bar associations, law schools, institutional litigants, and other interested organizations in the District to improve its outreach efforts and increase the number of in-person outreach sessions that target a broad and diverse range of attorneys.

The Commission continues to maintain a password-controlled applicant database via the District of Columbia government's secure SharePoint application. For each judicial applicant, the Commission uploads application materials for each vacancy to the secure platform. Only the Commissioners and the Commission's staff may access the secure platform, and the Commission works to ensure that applicants' PII is not placed at risk by the Commission during the application process.

32. Please list each new program implemented by the agency during FY18 and FY19, to date. For each initiative, please provide:

- A description of the initiative;
- The funding required to implement the initiative; and
- Any documented results of the initiative.

Response: None.

33. What are the top metrics regularly used by the agency to evaluate its operations? Please be specific about which data points are monitored by the agency.

Response: Per DC Code § 1-204.34(d)(1), the Commission is required to submit to the President a list of three persons to fill each judicial vacancy: (a) within 60 days following the occurrence of the vacancy; or (b) if the vacancy will occur because of the expiration of the judge's term of office, not less than 60 days prior to the occurrence of such vacancy. The Commission therefore evaluates its operations by whether it has complied with these statutory requirements.

34. Please list any task forces and organizations of which the agency is a member.

Response: None.

35. Please explain the impact on your agency of any legislation passed at the federal level during FY18 and FY19, to date, which significantly affected agency operations.

Response: None.

36. Please identify all electronic databases maintained by your agency, including the following:

- a. A detailed description of the information tracked within each system; and
- b. The age of the system and any discussion of substantial upgrades that have been made or are planned to the system.

Response: (a) The Commission maintains an applicant database via the District of Columbia government's secure SharePoint application. For each judicial applicant, the Commission uploads and maintains the applicant questionnaire, resume, letter of interest, writing samples, letters and emails submitted to the Commission regarding the applicant, online evaluations submitted, and a summary of the Commission's background investigation.

(b) The Commission's applicant database was launched in FY16. In FY17, the Commission began working with OCTO to provide a secure portal for applicants to submit application materials online. This effort was put on hold in FY18 due to the departure of the former Executive Director in October 2017, and the current Executive Director taking family leave beginning in July 2018. The Commission's Executive Director is currently working with OCTO to continue this effort. As indicated in the response to Question 30, OCTO is in the process of preparing a proposal that will include several options for receiving application materials online via a secure webpage.

37. Please provide a detailed description of any new technology acquired in FY18 and FY19, to date, including the cost, where it is used, and what it does. Please explain if there have been any issues with implementation.

Response: None.

38. How many times did the Commission meet in FY18 and FY19, to date?

Response: The Commission met 17 times in FY18 and FY19, to date, either in-person or via telephone conference.

39. Please provide a list of outreach sessions that the agency has planned in FY18 and FY19, to date, and the number of individuals in attendance at those sessions.

- a. Did the sessions lead to an increased number of applicants?
- b. Did the agency endeavor to reach out to diverse groups of candidates through these sessions?
- c. Does the agency have plans to increase the number of sessions that are held?

Response: See Attachment 10. (a) In FY18 and FY19, to date, there has been an average of twenty-eight applicants per vacancy at the Superior Court, which is generally consistent with the average number of applicants per vacancy at the Superior Court in FY17, when there was an average of twenty-five applicants per vacancy. However, the Commission has observed a decrease in the number of first-time applicants to Superior Court vacancies in FY18 and FY19, to date, compared to the number of first-time applicants in FY17. Specifically, there have been ten first-time applicants for four Superior Court vacancies posted in FY18 and FY19, to date, compared to twenty-three first-time applicants for four Superior Court vacancies posted in FY17. There are many factors that affect applicant numbers, including the possibility of delays in the nomination and confirmation process. Nevertheless, to the extent that outreach efforts might increase the number of new applicants, the Commission plans to increase the number of sessions that are held in FY19.

(b) Yes. In FY18 and FY19, to date, the Commission has worked with voluntary bar associations in the District, the American University Washington College of Law, and other interested organizations to conduct in-person outreach sessions. Through these sessions, the Commission's outreach efforts have targeted lawyers in various sectors (private, public, commercial, etc.) and in voluntary bar associations reflecting the diversity of the District's legal community.

(c) Yes. The Commission plans to work with bar associations in the District, District of Columbia law schools, and other interested organizations to improve its outreach efforts and to increase the number of in-person outreach sessions that are held.

In addition, the Commission learned that some prospective applicants would be receptive to outreach sessions that would permit them to participate remotely and anonymously. As a result, beginning in April 2016, the Commission has scheduled "Open Conference Calls," to which anyone interested in the judicial application process can call in to learn about the judicial application process and ask any questions that they might have. Calls are held during the workday, and information about these sessions is posted on the Commission's website and circulated via social media. In general, calls are scheduled bi-weekly when the Commission is accepting applications for a judicial vacancy. Sixteen calls were held in FY18 and FY19, to date. Participation rates vary; however, to date, more than 50 prospective applicants have been reached.

40. Have there been increases in the number of online applications submitted in FY18 and FY19, to date, as compared to the same time frame in FY17 and FY18?

Response: The Commission does not accept online applications at this time. Please see the responses to Questions 30 and 36.

41. Please provide an update on all vacancies to the D.C. Courts.

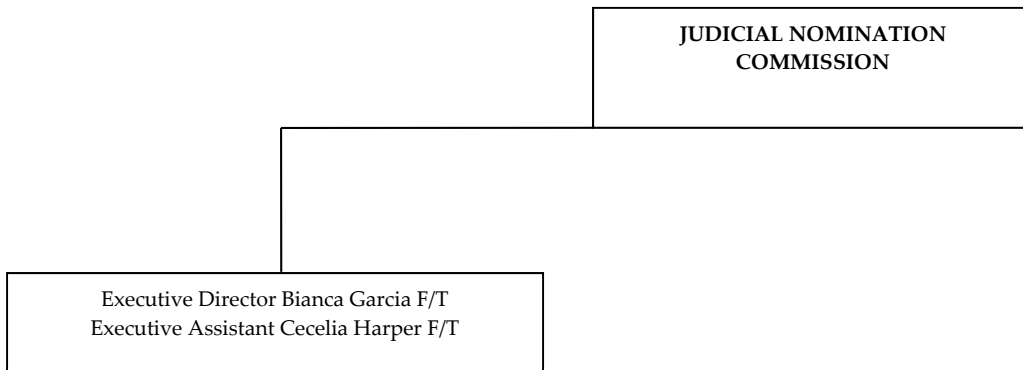
Response: As of February 1, 2019, there are thirteen DC Courts vacancies, two at the

DCCA and eleven at the Superior Court. Please see Attachment 11, which contains details regarding each of the vacancies.

Enclosures

District of Columbia Judicial Nomination Commission

Organizational Chart



As of February 1, 2019

**JUDICIAL NOMINATIONS COMMISSION
FY 2019 SCHEDULE A**

Agency Code	Fiscal Year	Program Code	Activity Code	Filled, Vacant or Frozen	Position Title	Employee Name	Hire Date	Grade	Step	Salary	Fringe	FTE	Reg/Temp /Term	Filled by Law Y/N
DV0	16	2000	2500	F	Executive Director	Bianca Garcia	02/18/18	14	10	121,793.00	31,971.00	1.00	Reg	Y
DV0	16	2000	2500	F	Executive Assistant	Harper, Cecilia	09/21/15	12	4	80,785.00	22,107.00	1.00	Reg	Y
AGENCY GRAND TOTAL										\$ 202,578.00	\$ 54,078.00	2.00		

FY 2018 Intra-District Summary - BUYER

JUDICIAL NOMINATIONS COMMISSION

SELLING AGENCY	DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES PROVIDED	FUNDING SENT	FUNDING DUE
The Office of Contracting and Procurement	Purchase Card	15,788.00	0.00
Office of the Chief Technology	Telecom	5,581.29	0.00
Office of the Chief Technology	Services and Maintenance	7,232.29	0.00
TOTAL		28,601.58	0.00

FY 2018 Intra-District Summary - SELLER

JUDICIAL NOMINATIONS COMMISSION

BUYING AGENCY	DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES PROVIDED	FUNDING RECEIVED	FUNDING OWED
N/A			
TOTAL		0	0

FY 2019 Intra-District Summary - BUYER

JUDICIAL NOMINATIONS COMMISSION

SELLING AGENCY	DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES PROVIDED	FUNDING SENT	FUNDING DUE
The Office of Contracting and Procurement	Purchase Card	500.00	0.00
Office of the Chief Technology	Telecom	5,750.60	0.00
Office of the Chief Technology	Services and Maintenance	12,805.81	0.00
TOTAL		19,056.41	0.00

FY 2019 Intra-District Summary - SELLER

JUDICIAL NOMINATIONS COMMISSION

BUYING AGENCY	DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES PROVIDED	FUNDING RECEIVED	FUNDING OWED
N/A			
TOTAL		0	0

**JUDICIAL NOMINATIONS COMMISSION
FY 2018 SMART PAY CARD PURCHASES BY EMPLOYEE**

Attachment 4

Agency Code	Fiscal Year	Cardholder Name	Purchase Limits		Expense Amount	General Purpose
			Single Items	Monthly		
DVO	18	Cecelia Harper	5,000.00	20,000.00	2,979.44	Office support and supplies
AGENCY GRAND TOTAL					\$2,979.44	

**JUDICIAL NOMINATIONS COMMISSION
FY 2019 SMART PAY CARD PURCHASES BY EMPLOYEE**

Agency Code	Fiscal Year	Cardholder Name	Purchase Limits		Expense Amount	General Purpose
			Single Items	Monthly		
DVO	19	Cecelia Harper	5,000.00	20,000.00	1,716.53	Office support and supplies
AGENCY GRAND TOTAL					\$1,716.53	

Judicial Nomination Commission FY2018

Agency Judicial Nomination Commission

Agency Code DV0

Fiscal Year 2018

Mission The mission of the District of Columbia Judicial Nomination Commission (JNC) is to screen, select, and recommend candidates to the President of the United States for his consideration in appointing judges to the District of Columbia Court of Appeals and Superior Court of the District of Columbia. The JNC also appoints the chief judges of both courts.

2018 Strategic Objectives

Objective Number	Strategic Objective	# of Measures	# of Operations
1	Increase the pool of highly qualified applicants to fill each judicial vacancy within the required 60- day period either prior to or following the occurrence of a vacancy in accordance with the agency's governing statute.	2	1
2	Create and maintain a highly efficient, transparent and responsive District government.**	0	0
TOT		2	1

2018 Key Performance Indicators

Measure	New Measure/ Benchmark Year	FY 2014 Actual	FY 2015 Target	FY 2015 Actual	FY 2016 Target	FY 2016 Actual	FY 2017 Target	FY 2017 Actual	FY 2018 Target
1 - Increase the pool of highly qualified applicants to fill each judicial vacancy within the required 60- day period either prior to or following the occurrence of a vacancy in accordance with the agency's governing statute. (2 Measures)									
Percent of candidate panels for judicial vacancies presented within statutory time frames	<input type="checkbox"/>	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Percent of required background investigations on judicial vacancy applicants conducted and completed within statutory time frames	<input type="checkbox"/>	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

**We've revisited a project to standardize District wide measures for the Objective "Create and maintain a highly efficient, transparent and responsive District government." New measures will be tracked in FY18 and FY19 and published starting in the FY19 Performance Plan.

2018 Operations

Operations Header	Operations Title	Operations Description	Type of Operations	# of Measures	# of Strategic Initiatives

Operations Header	Operations Title	Operations Description	Type of Operations	# of Measures	# of Strategic Initiatives
1 - Increase the pool of highly qualified applicants to fill each judicial vacancy within the required 60- day period either prior to or following the occurrence of a vacancy in accordance with the agency's governing statute. (1 Activity)					
	Screen, select, and recommend candidates to the President of the United States for consideration in appointing judges to the District of Columbia Court of Appeals and Superior Court of the District of Columbia.	The JNC advertises judicial vacancies, solicits applications, conducts background investigations, carefully reviews investigative materials, reads briefs and other application materials, interviews applicants, solicits and considers input from the bench, bar, and public regarding applicants' fitness to serve, and carefully evaluates each candidate's application and background.	Daily Service	4	0
TOT				4	0

2018 Workload Measures

Measure	Freq	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	FY 2018
1 - Screen, select, and recommend candidates to the President of the United States for consideration in appointing judges to the District of Columbia Court of Appeals and Superior Court of the District of Columbia. (4 Measures)						
Number of Superior Court Judicial Vacancies	Annually	Annual Measure	Annual Measure	Annual Measure	Annual Measure	5
Number of Court of Appeals Judicial Vacancies	Annually	Annual Measure	Annual Measure	Annual Measure	Annual Measure	0
Number of Superior Court Chief Judge Designations	Annually	Annual Measure	Annual Measure	Annual Measure	Annual Measure	0
Number of Court of Appeals Chief Judge Designations	Annually	Annual Measure	Annual Measure	Annual Measure	Annual Measure	0

Initiatives

Strategic Initiative Title	Strategic Initiative Description	Proposed Completion Date
No strategic initiatives found		

Judicial Nomination Commission FY2019

Agency Judicial Nomination Commission

Agency Code DV0

Fiscal Year 2019

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2019 Strategic Objectives

Objective Number	Strategic Objective
1	Increase the pool of highly qualified applicants to fill each judicial vacancy within the required 60- day period either prior to or following the occurrence of a vacancy in accordance with the agency's governing statute.

2019 Key Performance Indicators

Measure	Directionality	FY 2016 Actual	FY 2017 Actual	FY 2018 Actual	FY 2019 Target
1 - Increase the pool of highly qualified applicants to fill each judicial vacancy within the required 60- day period either prior to or following the occurrence of a vacancy in accordance with the agency's governing statute. (2 Measures)					
Percent of candidate panels for judicial vacancies presented within statutory time frames	Up is Better	100%	100%	100%	100%
Percent of required background investigations on judicial vacancy applicants conducted and completed within statutory time frames	Up is Better	100%	100%	100%	100%

2019 Operations

Operations Header	Operations Title	Operations Description	Type of Operations
1 - Increase the pool of highly qualified applicants to fill each judicial vacancy within the required 60- day period either prior to or following the occurrence of a vacancy in accordance with the agency's governing statute. (1 Activity)			
COMMISSION ADMINISTRATION AND SUPPORT	Screen, select, and recommend candidates to the President of the United States for consideration in appointing judges to the District of Columbia Court of Appeals and Superior Court of the District of Columbia	The JNC advertises judicial vacancies, solicits applications, conducts background investigations, carefully reviews investigative materials, reads briefs and other application materials, interviews applicants, solicits and considers input from the bench, bar, and public regarding applicants' fitness to serve, and carefully evaluates each candidate's application and background.	Daily Service

2019 Workload Measures

Measure	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018
1 - Screen, select, and recommend candidates to the President of the United States for consideration in appointing judges to the District of Columbia Court of Appeals and Superior Court of the District of Columbia (4 Measures)			
Number of Superior Court Judicial Vacancies	6	6	5
Number of Court of Appeals Judicial Vacancies	0	1	0
Number of Superior Court Chief Judge Designations	1	0	0
Number of Court of Appeals Chief Judge Designations	0	1	0

 2019 Strategic Initiatives

Strategic Initiative Title	Strategic Initiative Description	Proposed Completion Date	Add Initiative Update
No strategic initiatives found			

**JUDICIAL NOMINATIONS COMMISSION
FY 2018 LIST OF EMPLOYEE(S) SALARY OF \$100,000 OR MORE**

Agency Code	Fiscal Year	Program Number	Activity Number	Employee Name	Position Number	Position Title	Salary	Fringe	Overtime Pay	Bonus Pay
DV0	18	2000	2500	Bianca Garcia	00019793	Executive Director	\$119,405.00	\$30,257.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
AGENCY GRAND TOTAL							\$119,405.00	\$30,257.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

**JUDICIAL NOMINATIONS COMMISSION
FY 2019 LIST OF EMPLOYEE(S) SALARY OF \$100,000 OR MORE**

Agency Code	Fiscal Year	Program Number	Activity Number	Employee Name	Position Number	Position Title	Salary	Fringe	Overtime Pay	Bonus Pay
DV0	18	2000	2500	Bianca Garcia	00019793	Executive Director	\$121,793.00	\$31,971.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
AGENCY GRAND TOTAL							\$121,793.00	\$31,971.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

**JUDICIAL NOMINATIONS COMMISSION
FY 2018 OVERTIME EARNINGS AND WORKER'S COMPENSATION BY EMPLOYEE**

Agency Code	Fiscal Year	Employee Name	Position Number	Position Title	Overtime Pay	Worker's Comp
DV0	18	Harper, Cecelia	00070180	Executive Assistant	2,122.00	0.00
AGENCY GRAND TOTAL					\$2,122.00	\$0.00

Members of the DC JNC as of 2/1/19

Member	Appointing Body	First term	Current Term End	Ward
Emmet G. Sullivan	USDDC - CJ	5/10/2001	12/31/2023	
Addy R. Schmitt	POTUS	1/19/2017	1/19/2022	3
William Lucy	Mayor	2/28/1975	2/27/2020	4
Benjamin Wilson	Mayor	2/17/2017	2/27/2022	4
Hon. Marie Johns	Council	11/11/2017	4/7/2023	3
Ronald Flagg	DC BOG	1/2/2014	1/1/2020	3
John McAvoy	DC BOG	3/1/2016	1/1/2022	3

JNC Outreach Events Held and/or Calendared 10/1/15 to date

Date	Host	Participants
1/20/2016	Washington Council of Lawyers	20
3/16/2016	DC Office of Attorney General	25
5/2/2016	US Attorneys Office - DC	25
7/20/2016	Washington Bar Association - Internship	50
10/13/2016	Washington Bar Association	20
10/20/2016	Hispanic Bar Association of DC	20
10/21/2016	Phi Alpha Delta - students and alumnae	20
12/7/2016	Asian Pacific American Bar Association -DC; Women's Bar Association of DC; Capital Area Muslim Area Bar Association; Native American Bar Association	25
1/24/2017	GWU Law School	[canceled by school - conflict with another event]
3/15/2017	Catholic University Law School	[canceled by JNC due to conflict]
4/7/2017	DC Bar Judicial Conference	Unknown
5/23/2017	DC Office of Attorney General	Unknown
6/8/2017	Superior Court – Panel Attorneys	Unknown
7/6/2017	Diverse Partners Network	Unknown
7/21/2017	DC Superior Court Interns	Unknown
9/27/2017	DOJ Ahead & Affinity Groups	20-25
10/11/2017	Superior Court – Panel Attorneys (CJA, CCAN, DC Agency GCs, OAG, USAO, etc.)	Unknown
3/26/2018	Greater Washington Area Chapter of the Women Lawyers Division of the National Bar Association (GWAC) and the Washington Bar Association Young Lawyers Division	25
7/2/2018	US District Court for DC – Summer Speaker Series	50
7/11/2018	Hispanic Bar Association of DC Summer Judicial Internship Program, Washington Bar Association Summer Judicial Internship Program, DC Office of Administrative Hearings Summer Internship Program, and DC Superior Court Interns	60
10/2/2018	American University Washington College of Law	25-30
1/29/2019	GWAC and Washington Council of Lawyers	[Postponed due to weather—new date TBD; 62 RSVPs]
3/13/2019	GWAC and Washington Council of Lawyers	TBD
4/12/2019	2019 DC Judicial and Bar Conference	TBD

Judicial Vacancy Information (10/1/15 – 2/1/19)					
Vacancy (Court/Year)	Open as of 2/1/19?	JNC Recommendation Date	Nominee & Date of Nomination and/or Renomination	Senate Action	Senate Status
Oberly (DCCA/2013)	YES	12/18/13	Todd S. Kim (nom 2/14/14 and renom 4/30/15)	PN1470-113 Returned to POTUS PN425-114 Returned to POTUS 1/3/17	n/a
Washington (DCCA/2016)	YES	5/10/2017	Joshua A. Deahl (nom. 6/29/2017)	PN727-115 Returned to POTUS 1/4/19	n/a
Christian (DCSC/2010)	NO	11/28/10	Donna Murphy (nom 2/3/11) <i>withdrew after return</i>	Returned to POTUS 1/3/13	
			Judge Steven M. Wellner (nom 1/6/14 and renom 4/30/15)	PN1166-113 Returned to POTUS PN422-114 Confirmed after hearing 11/19/15	CONFIRMED
Burgess (DCSC/2013)	NO	5/15/13	Judge William W. Nooter (nom 1/6/14 and renom 4/30/15)	PN1168-113 on Sen Exec Calendar; returned to POTUS 12/17/14 PN423-114 confirmed after hearing 11/19/15	CONFIRMED
Greene (DCSC/2013)	NO	10/31/13	Sherry M. Trafford (nom 11/13) <i>withdrew after return</i>	PN1167-113 Returned to POTUS 12/17/14	n/a
			Judge Darlene Soltys (nom 7/9/15)	PN645-114 – Confirmed after hearing 12/17/15	CONFIRMED
Richter (DCSC/2014)	NO	7/31/14	Judge Robert A Salerno (nom 9/30/14 and renom 4/30/15)	PN2101-113 Returned to POTUS 12/17/14 PN424-114 Confirmed after hearing 12/17/15	CONFIRMED
Dixon (DCSC/2015)	NO	3/2/15	Judge Julie H. Becker (nom 4/30/15)	PN421-114 Confirmed after hearing 6/23/16	CONFIRMED
Keary (DCSC/2015)	NO	9/30/15	Judge Elizabeth C. Wingo (nom 11/30/15)	PN1001-114 Confirmed after hearing 6/23/16	CONFIRMED
Cushenberry (DCSC/2015)	NO	9/30/15	Judge Steven N. Berk (nom 11/30/15)	PN-1000-114 Confirmed after hearing 6/23/16	CONFIRMED
Macaluso (DCSC/2015)	YES	5/15/16	Jason D. Tulley (nom 6/29/16)	PN1589-114 Returned to POTUS 1/3/17	n/a
			Judge Rainey R. Brandt (nom 9/7/17)	PN995-115 Returned to POTUS 1/4/19	
Wright (DCSC/2016)	YES	8/1/16	Deborah J. Israel (nom 9/27/16 and renom 9/7/17)	PN1792-114 Returned to POTUS 1/3/17 PN996-115 Returned to POTUS 1/4/19	n/a
Winston (DCSC/2016)	YES	8/1/16	Julie R. Breslow (nom 9/30/16)	PN1791-114 Returned to POTUS 1/3/17	n/a
Nash (DCSC/2016)	YES	8/1/16	Carmen G. McLean (nom 9/30/16)	PN1793-114 Returned to POTUS 1/3/17	n/a
Satterfield (DCSC/2016)	YES	10/5/16	Rainey R. Brandt (nom 11/5/16)	PN1805-114 Returned to POTUS 1/3/17	n/a
Clark (DCSC/2016)	NO	1/12/17	Jonathan H. Pittman (nom. 3/9/17)	PN91-115 Confirmed after hearing 1/25/18	CONFIRMED

Judicial Vacancy Information (10/1/15 – 2/1/19)					
Vacancy (Court/Year)	Open as of 2/1/19?	JNC Recommendation Date	Nominee & Date of Nomination and/or Renomination	Senate Action	Senate Status
Jackson (DCSC/2017)	YES (pending appoint- ment)	9/13/2017	Carmen G. McLean (nom. 10/30/17)	PN1187 Confirmed after hearing 1/2/19	CONFIRMED
Bush (DCSC/2017)	YES	12/7/2017	Shana Frost Matini (nom. 2/5/2018)	PN 1547 Returned to POTUS 1/3/19	n/a
Motley (DCSC/2017)	NO	12/7/2017	Kelly Higashi (nom. 2/5/2018)	PN 1546 Confirmed after hearing 7/12/18	CONFIRMED
Weisberg (DCSC/2017)	YES	1/8/2018	Judge Rahkel Bouchet (nom. 3/19/18, by JNC)	(no PN because not a presidential nomination) Referred to Committee 3/20/18	TBD
Canan (DCSC/2017)	YES	3/14/18	Melissa Zappala (nom. 5/25/18, by JNC)	(no PN because not a presidential nomination) Referred to Committee 6/4/18	TBD
Mott (DCSC/2018)	YES	11/27/18	Jason Park (nom. 1/24/19)	PN 265 Referred to Committee	AT COMMITTEE
Holeman (DCSC/2018)	YES	11/27/18	James Crowell (nom. 1/24/19)	PN 264 Referred to Committee	AT COMMITTEE



**District of Columbia Judicial Nomination Commission
Report of Recommendations and Chief Judge Designations
and Presidential Appointments to the
District of Columbia Court of Appeals and the
Superior Court of the District of Columbia
May 8, 1975 to September 30, 2018**

INTRODUCTION

On October 31, 2011, at the suggestion of Addy Schmitt, Esq., and the tireless and meticulous efforts of Ms. Schmitt; Kim Whatley, the former Executive Director of the District of Columbia Judicial Nomination Commission (“JNC” or “Commission”); and Joseph R.A. Fruth, Summer Intern, the JNC published an historic report of recommendations made to the President of the United States, Presidential appointments to the District of Columbia courts, and the JNC’s designations of the Chief Judges for those courts, with the commitment to update the report annually. Information in this update is current through September 30, 2018.

The District of Columbia Court of Appeals and the Superior Court of the District of Columbia were established by Congress on July 29, 1970 (Pub. L. No. 91-358, 84 Stat. 473). The District of Columbia Judicial Nomination Commission was established by Congress on December 24, 1973 (Publ. L. No. 93-198, 87 Stat. 795). The JNC is composed of seven members—two appointed by the Mayor of the District of Columbia, two by the Board of Governors of the District of Columbia Bar Association (Unified), one by the Council of the District of Columbia, one by the President of the United States, and one judicial member appointed by the Chief Judge of the United States District Court for the District of Columbia. Each member is appointed for a six-year term, except the member appointed by the President, who is appointed for a five-year term.

The mission of the JNC is to provide the citizens of the District of Columbia with the best possible court system by (a) soliciting a diverse and talented pool of applicants for each judicial vacancy; (b) screening applicants to ensure they have the requisite experience, skill, temperament, and qualifications for judicial office; and (c) recommending the three most qualified applicants to the President of the United States for his or her consideration in selecting a nominee to fill each judicial vacancy on the District of Columbia Court of Appeals and the Superior Court of the District of Columbia. The JNC also designates the Chief Judges of the District of Columbia courts for four-year terms.

In creating this report, the JNC has endeavored to ensure accuracy and completeness. Please bring any errors to the JNC’s attention, so they may be corrected as soon as practicable.

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JNC Recommendations and Presidential Appointments to the District of Columbia Court of Appeals (Court of Appeals)

JUDGE/COURT	REASON FOR JUDICIAL VACANCY	DATE OF JNC JUDICIAL RECOMMENDATIONS	JNC JUDICIAL RECOMMENDATIONS	PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENTS
Hubert B. Pair ¹ Court of Appeals	Retired	May 8, 1975	Wiley A. Branton Arthur L. Burnett Julia C. Mack	Julia C. Mack, appointed by President Ford
Gerard D. Reilly ² Court of Appeals	Retired	August 27, 1976	Vincent H. Cohen Theodore R. Newman, Jr. J. Clay Smith	Theodore R. Newman, Jr., appointed by President Ford
Austin L. Fickling ³ Court of Appeals	Deceased	May 5, 1977	Sylvia A. Bacon John M. Ferren Richard J. Medalie	John M. Ferren, appointed by President Carter
J. Walter Yeagley ⁴ Court of Appeals	Retired	March 21, 1979	William C. Pryor Lawrence Speiser Paul R. Webber, III	William C. Pryor, appointed by President Carter
George R. Gallagher ⁵ Court of Appeals	Retired	March 29, 1981	James A. Belson Jesse W. Doolittle, Jr. William C. Gardner	James A. Belson, appointed by President Reagan
Stanley S. Harris ⁶ Court of Appeals	Retired	March 6, 1982	Sylvia Bacon Jesse W. Doolittle, Jr. John A. Terry	John A. Terry, appointed by President Reagan
Catherine B. Kelly ⁷ Court of Appeals	Retired	April 29, 1983	Zona F. Hostetler Daniel R. Ohlbaum Judith W. Rogers	Judith W. Rogers, appointed by President Reagan
John W. Kern, III ⁸ Court of Appeals	Retired	June 15, 1984	Andrew L. Frey ⁹ John T. Rich John M. Steadman	John M. Steadman, appointed by President Reagan

¹ Hubert Pair was appointed in 1970 by President Nixon.

² Gerard Reilly was appointed in 1970 by President Nixon and designated Chief Judge on July 24, 1972 by President Nixon.

³ Austin Fickling was appointed in 1967 by President Johnson.

⁴ J. Walter Yeagley was appointed in 1970 by President Nixon.

⁵ George Gallagher was appointed in 1967 by President Johnson.

⁶ Stanley Harris was appointed to the Superior Court of the District of Columbia in 1970 by President Nixon and to the District of Columbia Court of Appeals in 1972 by President Nixon.

⁷ Catherine Kelly was appointed in 1967 by President Johnson.

⁸ John Kern was appointed in 1968 by President Johnson.

⁹ Andrew Frey was nominated, but his nomination was returned to the President by the Senate.

JUDGE/COURT	REASON FOR JUDICIAL VACANCY	DATE OF JNC JUDICIAL RECOMMENDATIONS	JNC JUDICIAL RECOMMENDATIONS	PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENTS
Frank Q. Nebeker ¹⁰ Court of Appeals	Retired	September 9, 1987	Frederick B. Abramson Clarice R. Feldman Frank E. Schwelb	Frank E. Schwelb, appointed by President Reagan
William C. Pryor Court of Appeals	Retired	November 9, 1988	Michael W. Farrell Henry F. Greene Elizabeth Rindskopf	Michael W. Farrell, appointed by President George H.W. Bush
Julia C. Mack Court of Appeals	Retired	October 6, 1989	Henry F. Greene Noël A. Kramer Annice M. Wagner	Annice M. Wagner, appointed by President George H.W. Bush
Theodore R. Newman Court of Appeals	Retired	March 20, 1991	Warren R. King Noël A. Kramer J. Clay Smith, Jr.	Warren R. King, appointed by President George H.W. Bush
James A. Belson Court of Appeals	Retired	July 22, 1991	Inez Smith Reid Vanessa Ruiz Emmet G. Sullivan	Emmet G. Sullivan, appointed by President George H.W. Bush
Judith W. Rogers Court of Appeals	Appointed to U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit	May 13, 1994	Inez Smith Reid Vanessa Ruiz Susan R. Winfield	Vanessa Ruiz, appointed by President Clinton
Emmet G. Sullivan Court of Appeals	Appointed to U.S. District Court for D.C.	December 19, 1994	Erias A. Hyman Michael L. Rankin Inez Smith Reid	Inez Smith Reid, appointed by President Clinton
John M. Ferren Court of Appeals	Retired	November 20, 1997	Emilio W. Cividanes ¹¹ Stephen H. Glickman Michael L. Rankin	Stephen H. Glickman, appointed by President Clinton
Warren R. King Court of Appeals	Retired	October 20, 1998	Herbert B. Dixon, Jr. Edwin E. Huddleson, III Eric T. Washington	Eric T. Washington, appointed by President Clinton
John M. Steadman Court of Appeals	Retired	September 28, 2004	John R. Fisher Noël A. Kramer Roslyn A. Mazer	Noël A. Kramer, ¹² appointed by President George W. Bush
Annice M. Wagner Court of Appeals	Retired	April 7, 2005	Anna Blackburne-Rigsby Neal E. Kravitz Phyllis D. Thompson	John R. Fisher, ¹³ appointed by President George W. Bush

¹⁰ Frank Nebeker was appointed in 1969 by President Nixon.

¹¹ Emilio Cividanes was nominated, but his nomination was returned to the President by the Senate.

¹² Noël Kramer was nominated by President George W. Bush, but her nomination was returned to the President by the Senate. She was then re-nominated and appointed by President George W. Bush.

¹³ John Fisher was appointed from the list of JNC recommendations for the vacancy created by the retirement of Judge John Steadman.

JUDGE/COURT	REASON FOR JUDICIAL VACANCY	DATE OF JNC JUDICIAL RECOMMENDATIONS	JNC JUDICIAL RECOMMENDATIONS	PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENTS
John A. Terry Court of Appeals	Retired	March 28, 2006	Neal E. Kravitz Robert J. Spagnoletti Phyllis D. Thompson	Phyllis D. Thompson, appointed by President George W. Bush
Frank E. Schwelb Court of Appeals	Retired	March 28, 2006	Anna Blackburne-Rigsby Anita Josey-Herring Walter A. Smith, Jr.	Anna Blackburne-Rigsby, appointed by President George W. Bush
Michael W. Farrell Court of Appeals	Retired	August 21, 2008	Corinne A. Beckwith Kathryn A. Oberly Walter A. Smith, Jr.	Kathryn A. Oberly, appointed by President George W. Bush
Inez Smith Reid Court of Appeals	Retired	January 31, 2011	Corinne A. Beckwith Todd S. Kim Walter A. Smith, Jr.	Corinne A. Beckwith, appointed by President Obama
Noël A. Kramer Court of Appeals	Retired	June 14, 2011	Alan R. Burch Catharine F. Easterly Christopher T. Handman	Catharine F. Easterly, appointed by President Obama
Vanessa Ruiz Court of Appeals	Retired	September 15, 2011	Geoffrey M. Klineberg Neal E. Kravitz Roy W. McLeese	Roy W. McLeese, appointed by President Obama
Kathryn A. Oberly Court of Appeals	Retired	December 18, 2013	Todd S. Kim ¹⁴ Neal E. Kravitz Paul R.Q. Wolfson	
Eric T. Washington Court of Appeals	Retired	May 10, 2017	Joshua A. Deahl ¹⁵ Deborah Jeffrey Geoffrey M. Klineberg	

¹⁴ Todd Kim was nominated February 24, 2014, by President Obama. His nomination was returned to the President by the Senate, and he was re-nominated by President Obama on April 30, 2015. His nomination was returned to the President by the Senate on January 3, 2017.

¹⁵ Joshua Deahl was nominated June 29, 2017. As of September 30, 2018, his nomination was pending before the Senate.

JNC Chief Judge Designations for the District of Columbia Court of Appeals

JUDGE/COURT	DATE OF JNC'S DESIGNATION OR REDESIGNATION AS CHIEF JUDGE
Theodore R. Newman, Jr. Court of Appeals	October 26, 1976
Theodore R. Newman, Jr. Court of Appeals	November 5, 1980
William C. Pryor ¹⁶ Court of Appeals	October 2, 1984
Judith W. Rogers ¹⁷ Court of Appeals	October 17, 1988
Judith W. Rogers Court of Appeals	August 31, 1992
Annice M. Wagner ¹⁸ Court of Appeals	June 13, 1994
Annice M. Wagner Court of Appeals	June 8, 1998
Annice M. Wagner Court of Appeals	June 3, 2002
Eric T. Washington ¹⁹ Court of Appeals	May 23, 2005
Eric T. Washington ²⁰ Court of Appeals	July 28, 2009
Eric T. Washington ²¹ Court of Appeals	July 16, 2013
Anna Blackburne-Rigsby Court of Appeals ²²	February 2, 2017

¹⁶ Other candidates for chief judge were Judges James Belson, John Ferren, and Judith Rogers.

¹⁷ The other candidate for chief judge was Judge James Belson.

¹⁸ The other candidate for chief judge was Judge John Ferren.

¹⁹ Judge Washington was the sole candidate.

²⁰ Judge Washington was the sole candidate.

²¹ Judge Washington was the sole candidate.

²² Judge Blackburne-Rigsby was the sole candidate.

JNC Recommendations and Presidential Appointments to the Superior Court of the District of Columbia (Superior Court)

JUDGE/COURT	REASON FOR JUDICIAL VACANCY	DATE OF JNC JUDICIAL RECOMMENDATIONS	JNC JUDICIAL RECOMMENDATIONS	PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENTS
Edward A. Beard ²³ Superior Court	Retired	May 8, 1975	Edwin C. Brown, Jr. Bruce S. Mencher Wilhelmina J. Rolark	Bruce S. Mencher, appointed by President Ford
George W. Draper, II ²⁴ Superior Court	Deceased	August 16, 1976	Edwin C. Brown, Jr. ²⁵ Arthur L. Burnett Dudley R. Williams	Robert A. Shuker, ²⁶ appointed by President Carter
Harry T. Alexander ²⁷ Superior Court	Retired	October 1, 1976	George W. Mitchell Robert A. Shuker Annice M. Wagner	Annice M. Wagner, appointed by President Carter
Richard R. Atkinson ²⁸ Superior Court	Retired	October 1, 1976	Diane M. Sullivan Paul R. Webber, III Peter H. Wolf	Paul R. Webber, III appointed by President Carter
Theodore R. Newman, Jr. ²⁹ Superior Court	Appointed to D.C. Court of Appeals	November 2, 1976	Gladys Kessler Lee A. Satterfield Robert M. Scott	Gladys Kessler, appointed by President Carter
Milton D. Korman ³⁰ Superior Court	Retired	February 22, 1977	Arthur L. Burnett Paul R. Webber, III Peter H. Wolf	Robert M. Scott, ³¹ appointed by President Carter
Charles W. Halleck ³² Superior Court	Retired	June 14, 1977	Edwin C. Brown, Jr. Diane M. Sullivan Frederick H. Weisberg	Frederick H. Weisberg, appointed by President Carter

²³ Edward Beard was appointed in 1953 by President Eisenhower.

²⁴ George Draper was appointed in 1971 by President Nixon.

²⁵ Edwin Brown was nominated by President Ford, but his nomination was returned to the President by the Senate.

²⁶ Robert Shuker was appointed from the list of JNC recommendations for the vacancy created by the retirement Judge Harry Alexander.

²⁷ Harry Alexander was appointed in 1966 by President Johnson.

²⁸ Richard Atkinson was appointed in 1966 by President Johnson.

²⁹ Theodore Newman was appointed to the Superior Court of the District of Columbia in 1970 by President Nixon.

³⁰ Milton Korman was appointed in 1967 by President Johnson.

³¹ Robert Scott was appointed from the list of JNC recommendations for the vacancy created by the appointment of Judge Theodore R. Newman, Jr., to the District of Columbia Court of Appeals.

³² Charles Halleck was appointed in 1965 by President Johnson.

JUDGE/COURT	REASON FOR JUDICIAL VACANCY	DATE OF JNC JUDICIAL RECOMMENDATIONS	JNC JUDICIAL RECOMMENDATIONS	PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENTS
Orman W. Ketcham ³³ Superior Court	Retired	June 14, 1977	George W. Mitchell Carlisle E. Pratt Peter H. Wolf	Carlisle E. Pratt, appointed by President Carter
Harold H. Greene ³⁴ Superior Court	Appointed to U.S. District Court for D. C.	July 20, 1978	Frank E. Schwelb Harriett R. Taylor Peter H. Wolf	Peter H. Wolf, appointed by President Carter
Robert H. Campbell ³⁵ Superior Court	Retired	February 14, 1979	George W. Mitchell Truman A. Morrison, III Henry H. Kennedy	Shellie F. Bowers, ³⁶ appointed by President Carter
DeWitt S. Hyde ³⁷ Superior Court	Retired	February 14, 1979	Shellie F. Bowers Harriett R. Taylor Frank E. Schwelb	Harriett R. Taylor, appointed by President Carter
John G. Penn ³⁸ Superior Court	Appointed to U.S. District Court for D.C.	May 17, 1979	Donald L. Golden Henry H. Kennedy, Jr. Truman A. Morrison, III	Truman A. Morrison, III, appointed by President Carter
Joyce H. Green ³⁹ Superior Court	Appointed to U.S. District Court for D.C.	July 11, 1979	Henry F. Greene Henry H. Kennedy, Jr. Anthony Z. Roisman	Henry H. Kennedy, Jr., appointed by President Carter
William C. Pryor ⁴⁰ Superior Court	Appointed to D.C. Court of Appeals	August 8, 1979	George W. Mitchell Leroy Nesbitt Frank E. Schwelb	Frank E. Schwelb, appointed by President Carter
W. Byron Sorrell ⁴¹ Superior Court	Resigned	September 12, 1979	Iraline G. Barnes Dorothy A. Sellers Patricia M. Worthy	Iraline G. Barnes, appointed by President Carter
Alfred Burka ⁴² Superior Court	Resigned	January 10, 1980	William C. Gardner Ricardo M. Urbina Patricia M. Worthy	William C. Gardner, appointed by President Carter

³³ Orman Ketcham was appointed in 1957 by President Eisenhower.

³⁴ Harold Greene was appointed in 1965 by President Johnson.

³⁵ Robert Campbell was appointed in 1972 by President Nixon.

³⁶ Shellie Bowers was appointed from the list of JNC recommendations for the vacancy created by the retirement of Judge DeWitt Hyde.

³⁷ DeWitt Hyde was appointed in 1959 by President Eisenhower.

³⁸ John Penn was appointed in 1970 by President Nixon.

³⁹ Joyce Green was appointed in 1968 by President Johnson.

⁴⁰ William Pryor was appointed in 1968 by President Johnson.

⁴¹ W. Byron Sorrell was appointed in 1969 by President Nixon.

⁴² Alfred Burka was appointed in 1967 by President Johnson.

JUDGE/COURT	REASON FOR JUDICIAL VACANCY	DATE OF JNC JUDICIAL RECOMMENDATIONS	JNC JUDICIAL RECOMMENDATIONS	PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENTS
Edmond T. Daly ⁴³ Superior Court	Deceased	July 24, 1980	Donald L. Golden Dorothy M. Sellers ⁴⁴ Robert S. Tignor	Henry F. Greene, ⁴⁵ appointed by President Reagan
Norma H. Johnson ⁴⁶ Superior Court	Appointed to U.S. District Court for D.C.	July 24, 1980	Henry F. Greene Diane M. Sullivan Ricardo M. Urbina ⁴⁷	Ricardo M. Urbina, appointed by President Reagan
Fred L. McIntyre ⁴⁸ Superior Court	Retired	March 29, 1981	Bruce D. Beaudin Rufus G. King, III Amanda B. Pedersen	Warren R. King, ⁴⁹ appointed by President Reagan
William S. Thompson ⁵⁰ Superior Court	Retired	March 29, 1981	Sarah E. Brown Warren R. King Reggie B. Walton	Richard S. Salzman, ⁵¹ appointed by President Reagan
Leonard Braman ⁵² Superior Court	Retired	March 29, 1981	Francis D. Carter Reginald L. Holt Richard S. Salzman	Reggie B. Walton, ⁵³ appointed by President Reagan
James A. Belson ⁵⁴ Superior Court	Appointed to D.C. Court of Appeals	August 19, 1981	Leroy Nesbitt Ronald P. Wertheim Patricia A. Wynn	Ronald P. Wertheim, appointed by President Reagan
William E. Stewart, Jr. ⁵⁵ Superior Court	Retired	March 22, 1982	Francis D. Carter George W. Mitchell Mathew S. Watson	George W. Mitchell, appointed by President Reagan

⁴³ Edmond Daly was appointed in 1963 by President Kennedy.

⁴⁴ Dorothy Sellers was nominated by President Carter, but her nomination was returned to the President by the Senate. She was then re-nominated by President Carter, but her nomination was withdrawn.

⁴⁵ Henry Greene was appointed from the list of JNC recommendations for the vacancy created by Judge Johnson's appointment to the United States District Court for the District of Columbia.

⁴⁶ Norma Johnson was appointed in 1970 by President Nixon.

⁴⁷ Ricardo Urbina was nominated by President Carter, but his nomination was returned to the President by the Senate. He was then re-nominated by President Carter, but his nomination was withdrawn. He was re-nominated and appointed by President Reagan.

⁴⁸ Fred McIntyre was appointed in 1967 by President Johnson.

⁴⁹ Warren King was appointed from the list of JNC recommendations for the vacancy created by the retirement of Judge William Thompson.

⁵⁰ William Thompson was appointed in 1969 by President Nixon.

⁵¹ Richard Salzman was appointed from the list of JNC recommendations for the vacancy created by the retirement of Judge Leonard Braman.

⁵² Leonard Braman was appointed in 1970 by President Nixon.

⁵³ Reggie Walton was appointed from the list of JNC recommendations for the vacancy created by the retirement of Judge William Thompson.

⁵⁴ James Belson was appointed in 1968 by President Johnson.

⁵⁵ William Stewart was appointed in 1970 by President Nixon.

JUDGE/COURT	REASON FOR JUDICIAL VACANCY	DATE OF JNC JUDICIAL RECOMMENDATIONS	JNC JUDICIAL RECOMMENDATIONS	PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENTS
Dyer J. Taylor ⁵⁶ Superior Court	Retired	March 22, 1982	Bruce D. Beaudin Steffen W. Graae Patricia A. Wynn	Steffen W. Graae, appointed by President Reagan
Samuel B. Block ⁵⁷ Superior Court	Retired	September 23, 1982	Francis D. Carter Nan R. Huhn Virginia L. Riley	Virginia L. Riley, appointed by President Reagan
Margaret A. Haywood ⁵⁸ Superior Court	Retired	October 12, 1982	Geoffrey M. Alprin Stephen F. Eilperin Patricia A. Wynn	Geoffrey M. Alprin, appointed by President Reagan
John R. Hess ⁵⁹ Superior Court	Retired	February 18, 1983	Francis D. Carter Stephen F. Eilperin Clarice R. Feldman	Stephen F. Eilperin, appointed by President Reagan
Joseph M. F. Ryan, Jr. ⁶⁰ Superior Court	Retired	April 29, 1983	Florence W. Roisman John E. Scheuermann Emmet G. Sullivan	A. Franklin Burgess, Jr., ⁶¹ appointed by President Reagan
John D. Fauntleroy ⁶² Superior Court	Retired	April 29, 1983	Bruce D. Beaudin A. Franklin Burgess, Jr. Patricia W. Clement	Bruce D. Beaudin, appointed by President Reagan
David L. Norman ⁶³ Superior Court	Retired	June 30, 1983	Nan R. Huhn William D. Pease Robert S. Tignor	Nan R. Huhn, appointed by President Reagan
New Judicial Position (1) Superior Court	Created by Act of Congress	May 18, 1984	Ronna L. Beck Francis D. Carter William L. Davis	Susan R. Holmes, ⁶⁴ appointed by President Reagan
New Judicial Position (2) Superior Court	Created by Act of Congress	May 18, 1984	Herbert L. Dixon Nathalie P. Gilfoyle Susan R. Holmes	Rufus G. King, III, ⁶⁵ appointed by President Reagan

⁵⁶ Dyer Taylor was appointed in 1970 by President Nixon.

⁵⁷ Samuel Block was appointed in 1972 by President Nixon.

⁵⁸ Margaret Haywood was appointed in 1972 by President Nixon.

⁵⁹ John Hess was appointed in 1972 by President Nixon.

⁶⁰ Joseph Ryan was appointed in 1960 by President Eisenhower.

⁶¹ A. Franklin Burgess was appointed from the list of JNC recommendations for the vacancy created by the retirement of Judge John Fauntleroy.

⁶² John Fauntleroy was appointed in 1967 by President Johnson.

⁶³ David Norman was appointed in 1973 by President Nixon.

⁶⁴ Susan Holmes was appointed from the list of JNC recommendations for the vacancy created by the second new Superior Court judicial position.

⁶⁵ Rufus King was appointed from the list of JNC recommendations for the vacancy created by the third new Superior Court judicial position.

JUDGE/COURT	REASON FOR JUDICIAL VACANCY	DATE OF JNC JUDICIAL RECOMMENDATIONS	JNC JUDICIAL RECOMMENDATIONS	PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENTS
New Judicial Position (3) Superior Court	Created by Act of Congress	May 18, 1984	Rufus G. King, III Colleen Kollar-Kotelly Noël A. Kramer	Colleen Kollar-Kotelly, appointed by President Reagan
New Judicial Position (4) Superior Court	Created by Act of Congress	May 18, 1984	David H. Marlin Gregory E. Mize Leroy Nesbitt	Noël A. Kramer, ⁶⁶ appointed by President Reagan
New Judicial Position (5) Superior Court	Created by Act of Congress	May 18, 1984	Evelyn E. Queen Charles L. Reischel Robert I. Richter	Robert I. Richter, appointed by President Reagan
New Judicial Position (6) Superior Court	Created by Act of Congress	May 18, 1984	William L. Robinson John E. Scheuermann John H. Suda	Emmet G. Sullivan, ⁶⁷ appointed by President Reagan
New Judicial Position (7) Superior Court	Created by Act of Congress	May 18, 1984	Emmet G. Sullivan Robert S. Tignor Matthew S. Watson	Robert S. Tignor, appointed by President Reagan
James A. Washington, Jr. ⁶⁸ Superior Court	Retired	November 8, 1984	Ronna L. Beck Herbert B. Dixon, Jr. David H. Marlin	Herbert B. Dixon, Jr., appointed by President Reagan
John F. Doyle ⁶⁹ Superior Court	Retired	March 23, 1985	Richard A. Levie Gregory E. Mize Evelyn E. Queen	Richard A. Levie, appointed by President Reagan
Tim Murphy ⁷⁰ Superior Court	Retired	May 8, 1985	Ronna L. Beck Michael L. Rankin Curtis E. von Kann	Curtis E. von Kann, appointed by President Reagan
Paul F. McArdle ⁷¹ Superior Court	Retired	September 12, 1985	Ronna L. Beck Charles W. Brooks Harold L. Cushenberry	Harold L. Cushenberry, appointed by President Reagan
Nicholas S. Nunzio ⁷² Superior Court	Retired	September 12, 1985	Evelyn E. Queen Michael L. Rankin James S. Wright, Jr.	Michael L. Rankin, appointed by President Reagan

⁶⁶ Noël Kramer was appointed from the list of JNC recommendations for the vacancy created by the third new Superior Court judicial position.

⁶⁷ Emmet Sullivan was appointed from the list of JNC recommendations for the vacancy created by the seventh new Superior Court judicial position.

⁶⁸ James Washington was appointed in 1970 by President Nixon.

⁶⁹ John Doyle was appointed in 1970 by President Nixon.

⁷⁰ Tim Murphy was appointed in 1966 by President Johnson.

⁷¹ Paul McArdle was appointed in 1970 by President Nixon.

⁷² Nicholas Nunzio was appointed in 1970 by President Nixon.

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George H. Revercomb ⁷³ Superior Court	Appointed to U.S. District Court for D.C.	January 23, 1986 February 25, 1986	Evelyn E. Queen Robert P. Watkins, III ⁷⁴ James S. Wright, Jr. John H. Suda	Evelyn E. Queen, appointed by President Reagan
H. Carl Moultrie, I ⁷⁵ Superior Court	Deceased	April 29, 1986	Clarice R. Feldman William L. Robinson John H. Suda	John H. Suda, appointed by President Reagan
Luke C. Moore ⁷⁶ Superior Court	Retired	September 9, 1987	Arthur L. Burnett, Sr. Joel M. Finkelstein Leroy Nesbitt	Arthur L. Burnett, Sr., appointed by President Reagan
Donald S. Smith ⁷⁷ Superior Court	Retired	September 9, 1987	William L. Davis Cheryl M. Long Mildred M. Matesich	Cheryl M. Long, appointed by President Reagan
Virginia L. Riley Superior Court	Deceased	March 3, 1988	Eric H. Holder, Jr. Leroy Nesbitt Charles L. Reischel	Eric H. Holder, Jr., appointed by President Reagan
Frank E. Schwelb Superior Court	Appointed to D.C. Court of Appeals	May 26, 1988	Mildred M. Edwards Lois Hochhauser Paul S. Ryerson	Mildred M. Edwards, appointed by President Reagan
Reggie B. Walton Superior Court	Resigned	July 31, 1989	Ruth R. Banks Kaye K. Christian Zinora M. Mitchell	Zinora M. Mitchell, appointed by President George H.W. Bush
Eight New Judicial Positions Superior Court	Created by Act of Congress	February 29, 1990 ⁷⁸	Mary E. Abrecht Ruth R. Banks Russell F. Canan Harlow R. Case Karen K. Christensen Kaye K. Christian Howard C. Davenport Frederick D. Dorsey Stephanie Duncan-Peters Wendell P. Gardner, Jr.	Mary E. Abrecht Kaye K. Christian Frederick D. Dorsey Ellen S. Huvelle Jose M. Lopez Joan Zeldon McAvoy Gregory E. Mize Patricia A. Wynn, appointed by President George H.W. Bush

⁷³ George Revercomb was appointed in 1970 by President Nixon.

⁷⁴ Robert Watkins withdrew from consideration prior to action by the President and John Suda was then recommended by the JNC on February 25, 1986.

⁷⁵ H. Carl Moultrie was appointed in 1972 by President Nixon.

⁷⁶ Luke Moore was appointed in 1970 by President Nixon.

⁷⁷ Donald Smith was appointed in 1972 by President Nixon.

⁷⁸ The JNC submitted an omnibus list of 24 recommendations to fill the eight new judicial positions.

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			Elizabeth S. Gere Katherine S. Gruenheck Christopher A. Hart Ellen S. Huvelle Anne O. Keary Jose M. Lopez Joan Zeldon Gregory E. Mize Leroy Nesbitt Paul D. Pearlstein Charles L. Reischel Robert E. Richardson Earl E. Shamwell Patricia A. Wynn	
Carlisle E. Pratt Superior Court	Retired	April 12, 1990	John H. Bayly, Jr. Zoe A. Bush Linda T. Hamilton	Linda Turner Hamilton, appointed by President George H.W. Bush
Iraline G. Barnes Superior Court	Retired	April 12, 1990	Beverly J. Burke Stephen G. Milliken Susan A. Sinclair	John H. Bayly, Jr., ⁷⁹ appointed by President George H.W. Bush
Joseph M. Hannon ⁸⁰ Superior Court	Deceased	May 9, 1990	Carol M. Booker Don W. Crockett Richard B. Hoffman	Stephen G. Milliken, ⁸¹ appointed by President George H.W. Bush
Annice M. Wagner Superior Court	Appointed to D.C. Court of Appeals	September 17, 1990	Karen K. Christensen Wendell P. Gardner, Jr. Reginald C. Govan	Wendell P. Gardner, Jr., appointed by President George H.W. Bush
Sylvia A. Bacon ⁸² Superior Court	Retired	July 22, 1991	Richard H. Ringell Earl E. Shamwell Reggie B. Walton	Reggie B. Walton, appointed by President George H.W. Bush
Warren R. King Superior Court	Appointed to D.C. Court of Appeals	October 16, 1991	Russell F. Canan Stephanie Duncan-Peters Ann O. Keary	Ann O. Keary, appointed by President George H.W. Bush

⁷⁹ John Bayly was appointed from the list of JNC recommendations for the vacancy created by the retirement of Judge Carlisle Pratt.

⁸⁰ Joseph Hannon was appointed in 1972 by President Nixon.

⁸¹ Stephen Milliken was appointed from the list of JNC recommendations for the vacancy created by the retirement of Judge Iraline Barnes.

⁸² Sylvia Bacon was appointed in 1970 by President Nixon.

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George H. Goodrich ⁸³ Superior Court	Retired	October 16, 1991	Lois Hochhauser Erias A. Hyman Cynthia M. Lobo	Stephanie Duncan-Peters, ⁸⁴ appointed by President George H.W. Bush
Bruce S. Mencher Superior Court	Retired	October 16, 1991	Andrea L. Harnett Leroy Nesbitt Judith E. Retchin	Judith E. Retchin, appointed by President George H.W. Bush
William C. Gardner Superior Court	Retired	October 16, 1991	William M. Jackson Paul D. Pearlstein John E. Scheuermann	William M. Jackson, appointed by President George H.W. Bush
Robert M. Scott Superior Court	Retired	April 16, 1992	Karen K. Christensen Lee F. Satterfield Donna L. Wulkan	Lee F. Satterfield, appointed by President George H.W. Bush
Emmet G. Sullivan Superior Court	Appointed to D.C. Court of Appeals	April 16, 1992	Geraldine R. Gennet ⁸⁵ Brook Hedge Richard H. Ringell	Brook Hedge, appointed by President George H.W. Bush
Ronald P. Wertheim Superior Court	Retired	September 10, 1992	Russell F. Canan John E. Scheurmann Earl E. Shamwell, Jr.	Russell F. Canan appointed by President Clinton
Robert A. Shuker Superior Court	Deceased	August 17, 1993	Rafael Diaz Judith Hetherton Cynthia W. Lobo	Rafael Diaz, appointed by President Clinton
Fred B. Ugast ⁸⁶ Superior Court	Retired	November 18, 1993	Leroy Nesbitt Richard H. Ringell Earl E. Shamwell	Zoe Bush, ⁸⁷ appointed by President Clinton
Eric H. Holder, Jr. Superior Court	Resigned	November 18, 1993	Judith Bartnoff Zoe Bush Rhonda Reid Winston	Judith Bartnoff, appointed by President Clinton
Peter H. Wolf Superior Court	Retired	February 4, 1994	Fern Flanagan Mellie H. Nelson Lawrence H. Schwartz	Rhonda Reid Winston, ⁸⁸ appointed by President Clinton

⁸³ George Goodrich was appointed in 1969 by President Nixon.

⁸⁴ Stephanie Duncan-Peters was appointed from the list of JNC recommendations for the vacancy created by the retirement of Judge Warren King.

⁸⁵ Geraldine Gennet was nominated by President Bush for the vacancy created by the retirement of Judge Ronald P. Wertheim, but her nomination was returned to the President by the Senate.

⁸⁶ Fred Ugast was appointed in 1973 by President Nixon.

⁸⁷ Zoe Bush was appointed from the list of JNC recommendations for the vacancy created by the resignation of Judge Eric Holder.

⁸⁸ Rhonda Winston was appointed from the list of JNC recommendations for the vacancy created by the resignation of Judge Eric Holder.

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Ricardo M. Urbina Superior Court	Appointed to U.S. District Court for D.C.	September 6, 1994	Robert E. Morin Eric T. Washington Wayne Williams	Eric T. Washington, appointed by President Clinton
Gladys Kessler Superior Court	Appointed to U.S. District Court for D.C.	September 6, 1994	Patricia A. Broderick Linda K. Davis Cynthia W. Lobo	Linda K. Davis, appointed by President Clinton
Bruce D. Beaudin Superior Court	Retired	October 24, 1994	Ronna L. Beck Fern Flanagan Lawrence H. Schwartz	Ronna L. Beck, appointed by President Clinton
Curtis E. von Kann Superior Court	Retired	October 18, 1995	Erias A. Hyman Robert E. Morin Mary A. Gooden Terrell	Robert E. Morin, appointed by President Clinton
Richard S. Salzman Superior Court	Retired	April 8, 1996	Ronald C. Crump Poli A. Marmolejos L. Jackson Thomas, II	Mary A. Gooden Terrell, ⁸⁹ appointed by President Clinton
Harriett R. Taylor Superior Court	Retired	July 31, 1996	Patricia A. Broderick Lawrence H. Schwartz Barbara Lee Smith	Patricia A. Broderick, ⁹⁰ appointed by President Clinton
John H. Suda Superior Court	Retired	May 29, 1997	Anita Josey-Herring Thomas J. Motley Robert R. Rigsby	John M. Campbell, ⁹¹ appointed by President Clinton
Colleen Kollar-Kotelly Superior Court	Appointed to U.S. District Court for D.C.	May 29, 1997	John M. Campbell Fern Flanagan Erias A. Hyman	Anita Josey-Herring, ⁹² appointed by President Clinton
Henry H. Kennedy, Jr. Superior Court	Appointed to U.S. District Court for D.C.	December 12, 1997	Thomas J. Motley Robert R. Rigsby Melvin R. Wright	Melvin R. Wright, appointed by President Clinton
Paul R. Webber, III Superior Court	Retired	March 3, 1998	Ronald C. Crump Neal E. Kravitz Hiram E. Puig-Lugo	Neal E. Kravitz, appointed by President Clinton

⁸⁹ Mary Terrell was appointed from the list of JNC recommendations for the vacancy created by the retirement of Judge Curtis E. von Kann. She was nominated by President Clinton, but her nomination was returned to the President by the Senate. She was then re-nominated and appointed by President Clinton.

⁹⁰ Patricia Broderick was nominated by President Clinton, but her nomination was returned to the President by the Senate. She was then re-nominated and appointed by President Clinton.

⁹¹ John Campbell was appointed from the list of JNC recommendations for the vacancy created by the appointment of Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly to the United States District Court for the District of Columbia.

⁹² Anita Josey-Herring was appointed from the list of JNC recommendations for the vacancy created by the retirement of Judge John Suda.

JUDGE/COURT	REASON FOR JUDICIAL VACANCY	DATE OF JNC JUDICIAL RECOMMENDATIONS	JNC JUDICIAL RECOMMENDATIONS	PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENTS
Stephen F. Eilperin Superior Court	Retired	March 3, 1998	Natalia Combs Greene Poli A. Marmolejos John M. Mott	Natalia Combs Greene, appointed by President Clinton
Arthur L. Burnett, Sr. Superior Court	Retired	October 20, 1998	Jeanette J. Clark Mellie H. Nelson Hiram E. Puig-Lugo	Hiram E. Puig-Lugo, appointed by President Clinton
Eric T. Washington Superior Court	Appointed to D.C. Court of Appeals	August 26, 1999	Anna Blackburne-Rigsby Jeanette J. Clark Mellie H. Nelson	Anna Blackburne-Rigsby, appointed by President Clinton
Robert S. Tignor Superior Court	Retired	August 26, 1999	Erias A. Hyman Thomas J. Motley J. Michael Ryan	Thomas J. Motley, appointed by President Clinton
Truman A. Morrison, III Superior Court	Retired	January 11, 2000	Richard K. Gilbert John Ramsey Johnson John M. Mott	John M. Mott, appointed by President Clinton
Ellen S. Huvelle Superior Court	Appointed to U.S. District Court for D.C.	February 28, 2000	Noël A. Brennan Blanche L. Bruce Andrew Fois ⁹³	John Ramsey Johnson, ⁹⁴ appointed by President Clinton
Henry F. Greene Superior Court	Retired	April 28, 2000	Gerald I. Fisher Fern Flanagan Richard B. Jerome	Maurice A. Ross, ⁹⁵ appointed by President George W. Bush
Richard A. Levie Superior Court	Retired	April 28, 2000	Tamar M. Meekins ⁹⁶ Maurice A. Ross Robert J. Spagnoletti	Gerald I. Fisher, ⁹⁷ appointed by President Clinton
Eugene N. Hamilton ⁹⁸ Superior Court	Retired	July 10, 2000	Erik P. Christian Milton C. Lee, Jr. Odessa F. Vincent	Erik P. Christian, appointed by President George W. Bush
Stephen G. Milliken Superior Court	Retired	March 13, 2001	Blanche L. Bruce Lynn Leibovitz J. Michael Ryan	Lynn Leibovitz, appointed by President George W. Bush

⁹³ Andrew Fois was nominated on July 20, 2000, for the vacancy created by the retirement of Judge Eugene Hamilton, but his nomination was returned to the President by the Senate.

⁹⁴ John Ramsey Johnson was appointed from the list of JNC recommendations for the vacancy created by the retirement of Judge Truman Morrison.

⁹⁵ Maurice Ross was appointed from the list of JNC recommendations for the vacancy created by the retirement of Judge Richard Levie.

⁹⁶ Tamar Meekins was nominated on June 26, 2000 for the vacancy created by the retirement of Judge Henry Greene, but her nomination was returned to the President by the Senate.

⁹⁷ Gerald Fisher was appointed in January 2001 from the list of JNC recommendations for the vacancy created by the retirement of Judge Henry Greene.

⁹⁸ Eugene Hamilton was appointed in 1970 by President Nixon.

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Evelyn E. Queen Superior Court	Retired	April 27, 2001	Diane M. Brenneman Jeanette J. Clark Patricia A. Riley	Odessa F. Vincent, ⁹⁹ appointed by President George W. Bush
George W. Mitchell Superior Court	Deceased	October 22, 2001	Milton C. Lee, Jr. Judith N. Macaluso J. Michael Ryan	Jeanette J. Clark, ¹⁰⁰ appointed by President George W. Bush
Reggie B. Walton Superior Court	Appointed to U.S. District Court for D.C.	December 13, 2001	Blanche L. Bruce William F. Causey Robert R. Rigsby	Robert R. Rigsby, appointed by President George W. Bush
Gregory E. Mize Superior Court	Retired	March 12, 2002	James E. Boasberg Noël A. Brennan Brian F. Holeman	James E. Boasberg, appointed by President George W. Bush
Patricia A. Wynn Superior Court	Retired	March 12, 2002	Patricia A. Riley Fern F. Saddler Robert J. Spagnoletti	Fern F. Saddler, ¹⁰¹ appointed by President George W. Bush
New Judicial Position (1) Superior Court	Created by Act of Congress	November 14, 2002	Diane M. Brenneman Jerry S. Byrd Margaret J. McKinney	Jerry S. Byrd, appointed by President George W. Bush
New Judicial Position (2) Superior Court	Created by Act of Congress	November 14, 2002	Carol A. Dalton S. Pamela Gray Christopher J. Herrling	Judith N. Macaluso, ¹⁰² appointed by President George W. Bush
New Judicial Position (3) Superior Court	Created by Act of Congress	November 14, 2002	Judith N. Macaluso Juliet J. McKenna J. Michael Ryan	J. Michael Ryan, appointed by President George W. Bush
Mary E. Abrecht Superior Court	Retired	March 27, 2003	Blanche L. Bruce Brian F. Holeman Heidi M. Pasichow	Brian F. Holeman, appointed by President George W. Bush
Frederick D. Dorsey Superior Court	Retired	May 14, 2003	Craig S. Iscoe Dorothy A. Jeffress Phyllis D. Thompson	Craig S. Iscoe, appointed by President George W. Bush

⁹⁹ Odessa Vincent was appointed from the list of JNC recommendations for the vacancy created by the retirement of Judge Eugene Hamilton. She was nominated by President George W. Bush, but her nomination was returned to the President by the Senate. She was then re-nominated and appointed by President George W. Bush.

¹⁰⁰ Jeanette Clark was appointed from the list of JNC recommendations for the vacancy created by the retirement of Judge Evelyn Queen.

¹⁰¹ Fern Saddler was nominated by President George W. Bush, but her nomination was returned to the President by the Senate. She was then re-nominated and appointed by President W. Bush.

¹⁰² Judith Macaluso was appointed from the list of JNC recommendations for the vacancy created by the third new Superior Court judicial position.

JUDGE/COURT	REASON FOR JUDICIAL VACANCY	DATE OF JNC JUDICIAL RECOMMENDATIONS	JNC JUDICIAL RECOMMENDATIONS	PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENTS
Mildred M. Edwards Superior Court	Retired	July 24, 2003	Jeffrey S. Gutman Gregory E. Jackson Beth S. Slavet	Gregory E. Jackson, appointed by President George W. Bush
Nan R. Shuker (<i>nee</i> Huhn) Superior Court	Retired	March 22, 2004	Diane M. Brenneman S. Pamela Gray Juliet J. McKenna	Juliet J. McKenna, ¹⁰³ appointed by President George W. Bush
Shellie F. Bowers Superior Court	Retired	March 22, 2004	Laura A. Cordero Randell H. Norton Phyllis D. Thompson	Laura A. Cordero, ¹⁰⁴ appointed by President George W. Bush
Steffen W. Graae Superior Court	Retired	September 13, 2004	Jennifer M. Anderson Heidi M. Pasichow Daniel H. Squire	Jennifer M. Anderson, ¹⁰⁵ appointed by President George W. Bush
Noël A. Kramer Superior Court	Appointed to D.C. Court of Appeals	September 12, 2005	Carol A. Dalton Andrew Fois Robert J. Spagnoletti	Carol A. Dalton, ¹⁰⁶ appointed by President George W. Bush
Susan R. Winfield (<i>nee</i> Holmes) Superior Court	Retired	November 18, 2005	Diane M. Brenneman S. Pamela Gray ¹⁰⁷ Teresa A. Howie	Anthony C. Epstein, ¹⁰⁸ appointed by President George W. Bush
Anna Blackburne-Rigsby Superior Court	Appointed to D.C. Court of Appeals	October 10, 2006	Anthony C. Epstein Heidi M. Pasichow Edward J. Ungvarsky	Heidi M. Pasichow, ¹⁰⁹ appointed by President George W. Bush
Mary A. Gooden Terrell Superior Court	Retired	July 18, 2008	Alfred S. Irving, Jr. Richard S. Love Vytas V. Vergeer	Alfred S. Irving, Jr., appointed by President George W. Bush

¹⁰³ Juliet McKenna was nominated by President George W. Bush, but her nomination was returned to the President by the Senate. She was then re-nominated and appointed by President George W. Bush.

¹⁰⁴ Laura Cordero was nominated by President George W. Bush, but her nomination was returned to the President by the Senate. She was then re-nominated and appointed by President George W. Bush.

¹⁰⁵ Jennifer Anderson was nominated by President George W. Bush, but her nomination was returned to the President by the Senate. She was then re-nominated and appointed by President George W. Bush.

¹⁰⁶ Carol Dalton was nominated by President George W. Bush, but her nomination was returned to the President by the Senate. She was then re-nominated and appointed by President George W. Bush.

¹⁰⁷ S. Pamela Gray was nominated, but her nomination was returned to the President by the Senate.

¹⁰⁸ Anthony Epstein was appointed from the list of JNC recommendations for the vacancy created by the appointment of Anna Blackburne-Rigsby to the District of Columbia Court of Appeals.

¹⁰⁹ Heidi Pasichow was nominated by President George W. Bush, but her nomination was returned to the President by the Senate. She was then re-nominated and appointed by President George W. Bush.

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Rufus G. King, III Superior Court	Retired	November 18, 2008	Teresa A. Howie Stuart G. Nash ¹¹⁰ Maria E. Raffinan	Marisa J. Demeo, ¹¹¹ appointed by President Obama
Linda Turner Hamilton Superior Court	Retired	January 23, 2009	Marisa J. Demeo Elizabeth S. Gere Florence Y. Pan	Florence Y. Pan, appointed by President Obama
Rafael Diaz Superior Court	Retired	May 12, 2009	Jeffrey S. Gutman Sharon L. Larkin Elizabeth J. Shapiro	Stuart G. Nash, ¹¹² appointed by President Obama
Jerry S. Byrd Superior Court	Retired	October 5, 2009	Christopher J. Herrling Milton C. Lee, Jr. William W. Nooter	Milton C. Lee, Jr., ¹¹³ appointed by President Obama
Geoffrey M. Alprin Superior Court	Retired	February 1, 2010	Maria C.T. Amato Robert D. Okun Judith A. Smith	Judith A. Smith, appointed by President Obama
Cheryl M. Long Superior Court	Retired	February 1, 2010	Todd E. Edelman Devarieste Curry Elizabeth C. Wingo	Todd E. Edelman, appointed by President Obama
Odessa F. Vincent Superior Court	Retired	May 27, 2010	Joseph E. Beshouri Teresa A. Howie Maria E. Raffinan	Maria E. Raffinan, appointed by President Obama
Brook Hedge Superior Court	Retired	November 29, 2010	Catharine F. Easterly Teresa A. Howie Steven M. Wellner	Yvonne M. Williams, ¹¹⁴ appointed by President Obama
Judith E. Retchin Superior Court	Retired	November 29, 2010	Alfred F. Belcuore Rainey R. Brandt Jennifer A. Di Toro	Jennifer A. Di Toro, appointed by President Obama

¹¹⁰ Stuart Nash was nominated on January 8, 2009 by President George W. Bush. The nomination was withdrawn by President Obama on March 24, 2009.

¹¹¹ Marisa Demeo was appointed from the list of JNC recommendations for the vacancy created by the retirement of Judge Linda Tuner Hamilton.

¹¹² Stuart Nash was appointed by President Obama from the list of JNC recommendations for the vacancy created by the retirement of Judge Rufus King.

¹¹³ Milton C. Lee, Jr., was nominated on January 20, 2010 by the JNC pursuant to D.C. Code § 1-204.34(d)(1) after the President did not select a nominee within 60 days of receiving the JNC's list of three candidates for his consideration in filling this judicial vacancy. On the same date, President Obama transmitted his nomination of Milton C. Lee, Jr., to the Senate in accordance with, and to effectuate, the JNC's nomination pursuant to D.C. Code § 1-204.34(d)(1).

¹¹⁴ Yvonne Williams was appointed from the list of JNC recommendations for the vacancy created by the retirement of Judge Kaye Christian.

JUDGE/COURT	REASON FOR JUDICIAL VACANCY	DATE OF JNC JUDICIAL RECOMMENDATIONS	JNC JUDICIAL RECOMMENDATIONS	PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENTS
Kaye K. Christian Superior Court	Retired	November 29, 2010	Donna M. Murphy ¹¹⁵ Gary S. Thompson Yvonne M. Williams	Steven Michael Wellner, ¹¹⁶ appointed by President Obama
John H. Bayly, Jr. Superior Court	Retired	May 12, 2011	Joseph E. Beshouri Laura E. Hankins Elizabeth J. Shapiro	Peter A. Krauthamer, ¹¹⁷ appointed by President Obama
Stephanie Duncan-Peters Superior Court	Retired	May 12, 2011	Danya A. Dayson Karen A. Howze Jason D. Tulley	Danya A. Dayson, appointed by President Obama
James E. Boasberg Superior Court	Appointed to U.S. District Court for D.C.	May 12, 2011	Peter A. Krauthamer John F. McCabe, Jr. Elizabeth C. Wingo	John F. McCabe, Jr., appointed by President Obama
Joan Zeldon Superior Court	Retired	January 25, 2012	Maria C.T. Amato Rainey R. Brandt ¹¹⁸ Jason D. Tulley	Michael K. O'Keefe, ¹¹⁹ appointed by President Obama
Zinora Mitchell-Rankin Superior Court	Retired	April 12, 2012	Teresa A. Howie Kimberley S. Knowles Steven M. Wellner	Kimberley S. Knowles, appointed by President Obama
Linda Kaye Davis Superior Court	Retired	July 25, 2012	Noel T. Johnson Michael K. O'Keefe Robert D. Okun	Robert D. Okun, appointed by President Obama
A. Franklin Burgess, Jr. Superior Court	Retired	May 15, 2013	Ann Maria Carroll William Ward Nooter ¹²⁰ Steven Michael Wellner ¹²¹	William Ward Nooter, appointed by President Obama

¹¹⁵ Donna Murphy was nominated on February 3, 2011, by President Obama, but her nomination was returned to the President by the Senate on January 3, 2013.

¹¹⁶ Steven Wellner was nominated on November 21, 2013, from the list of JNC recommendations for the vacancy created by the retirement of Judge A. Franklin Burgess Jr. He was re-nominated on January 6, 2014, but his re-nomination was returned to the President by the Senate on December 17, 2014. He was re-nominated on April 30, 2015, and appointed after Senate confirmation.

¹¹⁷ Peter Krauthamer was appointed from the list of JNC recommendations for the vacancy created by the appointment of Judge James E. Boasberg to the United States District Court for the District of Columbia.

¹¹⁸ Rainey Brandt was nominated on March 21, 2012, by President Obama, but her nomination was returned to the President by the Senate.

¹¹⁹ Michael O'Keefe was appointed from the list of JNC recommendations for the vacancy created by the retirement of Judge Linda Kaye Davis.

¹²⁰ William Nooter was nominated on July 11, 2013, by President Obama, but his nomination was returned to the President by the Senate. He was re-nominated on January 6, 2014, but his re-nomination was returned to the President on December 17, 2014. Mr. Nooter was re-nominated by President Obama on April 30, 2015, and appointed after Senate confirmation.

¹²¹ Steven Wellner was nominated, and ultimately confirmed, to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Judge Kaye Christian. See history in note 114, *supra*.

JUDGE/COURT	REASON FOR JUDICIAL VACANCY	DATE OF JNC JUDICIAL RECOMMENDATIONS	JNC JUDICIAL RECOMMENDATIONS	PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENTS
Natalia M. Combs Greene Superior Court	Retired	October 2, 2013	Steven Nathan Berk ¹²² Sean Curtis Staples Sherry Moore Trafford ¹²³	Darlene M. Soltys, ¹²⁴ appointed by President Obama
Robert I. Richter Superior Court	Retired	July 31, 2014	Philip C. Andonian Robert A. Salerno ¹²⁵ Darlene M. Soltys ¹²⁶	Robert A. Salerno, appointed by President Obama
Herbert B. Dixon, Jr. Superior Court	Retired	March 2, 2015	Julie H. Becker Jonathan H. Pittman Elizabeth J. Shapiro	Julie H. Becker, appointed by President Obama
Ann O'Regan Keary Superior Court	Retired	September 30, 2015	Mark D. Back Ralph C. Ferrara Elizabeth C. Wingo	Elizabeth C. Wingo, appointed by President Obama
Harold L. Cushenberry, Jr. Superior Court	Retired	September 30, 2015	Alan R. Burch Lee W. Jackson Jason D. Tulley ¹²⁷	Steven Nathan Berk, ¹²⁸ appointed by President Obama
Judith N. Macaluso Superior Court	Retired	May 5, 2016	Maria C.T. Amato Joseph E. Beshouri Rainey R. Brandt ^{129, 130}	
Melvin N. Wright, Jr. Superior Court	Retired	August 1, 2016	Emily A. Gunston Deborah J. Israel ¹³¹ Lee W. Jackson	

¹²² Steven Berk was nominated on November 30, 2015 to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Judge Harold L. Cushenberry, Jr. He was appointed by President Obama after Senate confirmation.

¹²³ Sherry Trafford was nominated on November 21, 2013, by President Obama, but her nomination was returned to the President by the Senate. She was re-nominated on January 6, 2014, but her re-nomination was returned to the President by the Senate on December 17, 2014.

¹²⁴ Darlene Soltys was appointed from the list of JNC recommendations for the vacancy created by the retirement of Judge Robert I. Richter.

¹²⁵ Robert Salerno was nominated on September 30, 2014 by President Obama, but his nomination was returned to the President by the Senate on December 17, 2014. He was re-nominated on April 30, 2015 by President Obama and appointed after Senate confirmation.

¹²⁶ Darlene Soltys was nominated and appointed by President Obama to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Judge Natalia M. Combs-Greene.

¹²⁷ Jason D. Tulley was nominated on June 29, 2016 by President Obama from the JNC recommendations list for the Judge Harold L. Cushenberry, Jr. vacancy to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Judge Judith N. Macaluso. His nomination was returned to the President by the Senate on January 3, 2017.

¹²⁸ Steven Nathan Berk was appointed from the list of JNC recommendations for the vacancy created by the retirement of Judge Natalia M. Combs Greene.

¹²⁹ Rainey R. Brandt was nominated on November 15, 2016 by President Obama from the JNC recommendations list for the Judge Judith N. Macaluso vacancy to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Judge Lee F. Satterfield. Her nomination was returned to the President by the Senate on January 3, 2017.

¹³⁰ Rainey R. Brandt was nominated September 7, 2017 by President Trump to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Judge Judith N. Macaluso. Her nomination was pending before the Senate as of September 30, 2018.

¹³¹ Deborah Israel was nominated on September 27, 2016 by President Obama. Her nomination was returned to the President by the Senate on January 3, 2017, and she was re-nominated by President Trump on September 7, 2017. Her nomination was pending before the Senate as of September 30, 2018.

JUDGE/COURT	REASON FOR JUDICIAL VACANCY	DATE OF JNC JUDICIAL RECOMMENDATIONS	JNC JUDICIAL RECOMMENDATIONS	PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENTS
Rhonda Reid Winston Superior Court	Retired	August 1, 2016	Hon. Julie R. Breslow ¹³² Carmen Guerricagoitia McLean ^{133, 134} Jonathan H. Pittman ¹³⁵	
Stuart Nash Superior Court	Retired	August 1, 2016 April 14, 2017	Hon. Errol Rajesh Arthur Gary Thompson Willa B. Perlmutter ¹³⁶ Hon. Paul B. Handy	
Lee F. Satterfield Superior Court	Retired	October 5, 2016	Eric S. Glover Hon. Lloyd U. Nolan, Jr. Hon. Sean C. Staples	
Jeannette J. Clark Superior Court	Retired	January 12, 2017	Catherine S. Bruno Hon. Sharon E. Goodie Melissa F. Zappala	Jonathan H. Pittman, ¹³⁷ appointed by President Trump
Gregory E. Jackson Superior Court	Retired	September 13, 2017	Michael Ambrosino Hon. Shana F. Matini ¹³⁸ Hon. Adrienne J. Noti	
Zoe Bush Superior Court	Retired	December 7, 2017	Magdalena Acevedo ¹³⁹ Hon. Tanya M. Jones Bosier Caroline Swift Platt Karlyn J. Hunter	
Thomas J. Motley Superior Court	Retired	December 7, 2017	Hon. Heide L. Herrmann Kelly A. Higashi Hon. Kenia Seoane López	Kelly A. Higashi, appointed by President Trump

¹³² Hon. Julie R. Breslow was nominated on September 27, 2016 by President Obama. Her nomination was returned to the President by the Senate on January 3, 2017.

¹³³ Carmen G. McLean was nominated on September 27, 2016 by President Obama from the JNC recommendations list for the Judge Rhonda Reid Winston vacancy to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Judge Stuart Nash. Her nomination was returned to the President by the Senate on January 3, 2017.

¹³⁴ Carmen G. McLean was nominated on October 30, 2017 by President Trump from the JNC recommendations list for the Judge Rhonda Reid Winston vacancy to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Judge Gregory E. Jackson. Her nomination was pending before the Senate as of September 30, 2018.

¹³⁵ Jonathan H. Pittman was nominated and appointed by President Trump to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Judge Jeannette J. Clark.

¹³⁶ Willa Perlmutter withdrew from consideration on April 7, 2017, following return of President Obama's nomination of another candidate, and prior to further action by the President. The JNC recommended Hon. Paul B. Handy as a replacement on April 20, 2017.

¹³⁷ Jonathan H. Pittman was appointed from the list of JNC recommendations for the vacancy created by the retirement of Judge Rhonda Reid Winston.

¹³⁸ Hon. Shana F. Matini was nominated on February 5, 2018 by President Trump from the JNC recommendations list for the Judge Gregory E. Jackson vacancy to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Judge Zoe Bush. Her nomination was pending before the Senate as of September 30, 2018.

¹³⁹ Magdalena Acevedo withdrew from consideration on December 15, 2017, prior to any action by the President. The JNC recommended Karlyn J. Hunter as a replacement on December 18, 2017.

JUDGE/COURT	REASON FOR JUDICIAL VACANCY	DATE OF JNC JUDICIAL RECOMMENDATIONS	JNC JUDICIAL RECOMMENDATIONS	PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENTS
Frederick H. Weisberg Superior Court	Retired	January 8, 2018	Hon. Rahkel Bouchet ¹⁴⁰ Cory M. Chandler Judith E. Pipe	
Russell F. Canan Superior Court	Retired	March 13, 2018	Sheila B. Berman Armando O. Bonilla Melissa F. Zappala ¹⁴¹	

¹⁴⁰ Hon. Rahkel Bouchet was nominated on March 19, 2018 by the JNC pursuant to D.C. Code § 1-204.34(d)(1) after the President did not select a nominee within 60 days of receiving the JNC's list of three candidates for his consideration in filling this judicial vacancy. Her nomination was pending before the Senate as of September 30, 2018.

¹⁴¹ Melissa F. Zappala was nominated on May 25, 2018 by the JNC pursuant to D.C. Code § 1-204.34(d)(1) after the President did not select a nominee within 60 days of receiving the JNC's list of three candidates for his consideration in filling this judicial vacancy. Her nomination was pending before the Senate as of September 30, 2018.

JNC Chief Judge Designations for the Superior Court of the District of Columbia

JUDGE/COURT	DATE OF JNC'S DESIGNATION OR REDESIGNATION AS CHIEF JUDGE
Harold H. Greene Superior Court	October 26, 1976
H. Carl Moultrie, I ¹⁴² Superior Court	June 12, 1978
H. Carl Moultrie, I Superior Court	May 24, 1982
Fred B. Ugast ¹⁴³ Superior Court	May 28, 1986
Fred B. Ugast Superior Court	May 31, 1990
Eugene N. Hamilton ¹⁴⁴ Superior Court	October 28, 1993
Eugene N. Hamilton Superior Court	October 9, 1997
Rufus G. King, III ¹⁴⁵ Superior Court	September 6, 2000
Rufus G. King, III Superior Court	September 13, 2004
Lee F. Satterfield ¹⁴⁶ Superior Court	August 22, 2008
Lee F. Satterfield ¹⁴⁷ Superior Court	July 25, 2012
Robert E. Morin ¹⁴⁸ Superior Court	June 16, 2016

¹⁴² Other candidates for chief judge were Judges James Belson, Joyce Green, and Tim Murphy.

¹⁴³ Other candidates for chief judge were Judges Gladys Kessler, Ricardo Urbina, and Paul Webber, III.

¹⁴⁴ Other candidates for chief judge were Judges Geoffrey Alprin, Reggie Walton, and Frederick Weisberg.

¹⁴⁵ Other candidates for chief judge were Judges Geoffrey Alprin, Herbert Dixon, Jr., Steffen Graae, George Mitchell, Michael Rankin, and Lee Satterfield.

¹⁴⁶ The other candidate for chief judge was Judge Anita Josey-Herring.

¹⁴⁷ Judge Satterfield was the sole candidate.

¹⁴⁸ The other candidates for chief judge were Judges Judith Bartnoff, Erik P. Christian, Hiram Puig-Lugo, and Lee F. Satterfield.



JOINING THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA COURTS



JOINING THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA COURTS

INTRODUCTION

This pamphlet is a guide for law students and lawyers who may be interested in pursuing a career as a judge on the District of Columbia Court of Appeals or the Superior Court of the District of Columbia (“District of Columbia courts”). The District of Columbia courts are unique among local courts nationwide in that they are Article I courts whose judges are nominated by the President of the United States and confirmed by the United States Senate. This pamphlet provides basic information about the judicial recommendation and nomination process, both to make the process as transparent as possible and to help potential candidates plan ahead. The goal of the District of Columbia Judicial Nomination Commission (“JNC” or “Commission”) is to encourage a diverse group of talented lawyers to apply to join one of the most respected courts in the country.

There is no one, single professional path to the local courts. Judges in the District of Columbia come from a wide variety of professional, social, economic, and educational backgrounds. The JNC evaluates each applicant on the basis of merit, and recommends applicants to the President on that basis. Following recommendation, District of Columbia judges are appointed only after being nominated by the President and confirmed by the United States Senate.

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District of Columbia Judicial Nomination Commission

ASSESSING YOUR CANDIDACY

The JNC is responsible for recommending to the President three persons for possible nomination for each vacancy on the District of Columbia courts. D.C. Code § 1-204.34(d)(1). When a vacancy occurs, the JNC solicits applications via a notice on its website. As set forth in D.C. Code § 1-204.33, persons eligible to be recommended must be:

- a United States citizen;
- an active member of the unified District of Columbia Bar;
- engaged in the active practice of law in the District of Columbia for the five years immediately preceding the nomination (serving as a law school professor or attorney in the U.S. or District of Columbia government expressly counts towards this requirement); and
- a bona fide resident of the District of Columbia, with an “actual place of abode in the District.”

Individuals who have served on either the JNC or the District of Columbia Commission on Judicial Disabilities and Tenure within the past two years are not eligible for recommendation.

Judges on the District of Columbia courts must retire at the age of 74, D.C. Code § 11-502, but there is no minimum requirement for serving on the District of Columbia courts. According to a study conducted by the Council for Court Excellence, between 1994 and 2011, nominees ranged in age from 33 to 60 years of age, with an average age of 47 at the time of nomination. How the District of Columbia Gets Its Judges, Council for Court Excellence (DC 2011).

In addition to determining whether applicants meet the statutory eligibility criteria, the JNC evaluates applicants’ integrity, professional competence, experience, judicial temperament, and involvement in the District of Columbia community. This evaluation is accomplished through review of the application submitted to the JNC, a background investigation, and personal interviews.

The Applicant Questionnaire, JNC Form 21, provides an overview of the types of professional experience and community involvement that will be important in assessing your candidacy. Keeping up-to-date records of the items listed below will make it easier for you to complete your application:

- *Educational background, including degrees, honors, and awards received.*
- *Bar and court admission(s), including dates, status, and administrative bodies that require special admission.*
- *Chronological employment experience after law school.*
- *The nature of your legal practice and client base, including areas of specialization.*
- *Detailed information for the past five years about court appearances, trials, settlements, and appeals.*
- *Summary information about your career prior to the past five years.*
- *List of the five most significant legal matters for which you were responsible, or, if you have none, the contributions you have made in other areas related to the law including teaching, court administration, rule-making, alternate dispute resolution, etc.*
- *Information about any prior judicial or elective offices you have held.*
- *Other, non-legal experience.*
- *Information relating to possible conflicts of interest (e.g., current business interests).*
- *Your history of tax compliance, involvement in legal proceedings, and any encounters with the criminal justice system.*
- *Your professional responsibility and ethics track record.*
- *Your membership in professional and other associations.*
- *A list of legal books or articles published, with citations.*

A word to the wise: As the JNC conducts a background investigation on each applicant, and if you are nominated, the White House and Senate will conduct further investigations, it is best to err on the side of inclusion in your application materials. It does not bode well for a candidate if issues

arise during these investigations that contradict information in the application. Keep track of your obligations, personal (e.g., taxes, other debts) and professional (e.g., bar dues), and stay on top of them.

The JNC's RECOMMENDATION PROCESS

If you believe you have the experience, expertise, and temperament to serve as a judge on the District of Columbia courts, check the JNC website at www.jnc.dc.gov for vacancy announcements and invitations to apply. Sign up there for the JNC listserv so that you will be notified when a vacancy occurs.

Applications are usually due 30 days after a vacancy is announced, and no late applications are accepted. The current version of the application materials will be available at the JNC website.

Pay close attention to the instructions for applying as your attention to detail is one element of your application.

After You Submit Your Application

The JNC announces the names of all applicants for each vacancy on the website and solicits public input through either a confidential online survey or letters. Once you have decided to apply, ask judges before whom you have appeared, colleagues, and opposing counsel to fill out the online survey or write a letter on your behalf. If you are recommended by the JNC to the President for possible nomination, you may wish to consider asking your references to write a letter to the President on your behalf as the JNC does not share survey results or letters with the White House.

The JNC also conducts an investigation into your professional background, which includes a credit check, tax check, education verification, employment verification, and contact with any bars or courts to which you are admitted. You will be contacted if the JNC has follow-up questions.

The JNC may speak with current and former colleagues, judges before whom you have appeared, as well as co-counsel and opposing counsel in your cases.

The JNC interviews all first-time applicants who meet the basic, statutory qualifications. The Commission may also re-interview applicants who are re-applying. Be prepared to discuss your qualifications – beyond the information you provided in your application. You may be asked hypotheticals to help the JNC get a sense of your decision-making style and temperament. Commissioners may be available for individual applicant meetings at the discretion of the Commissioner.

If you are not recommended to the President, do not be discouraged from applying for a future recommendation. Given the depth of talent and commitment to public service in the District of Columbia legal community, the candidate pool is quite strong. It is not uncommon for lawyers to apply several times before being recommended to the President.

THE NOMINATION PROCESS

Once your name has been forwarded to the White House, the President has 60 days within which to nominate a candidate for the vacancy. At this point, the White House will conduct its investigation and may contact you for an interview.

Even if you are not nominated for the vacancy for which the JNC recommended you, until that vacancy has actually been filled with a nominee confirmed by the Senate, you remain a viable candidate to be nominated for *any* vacancy on the same court. If you are in this position, feel free to contact the JNC if you have any questions.

THE CONFIRMATION PROCESS

After the President submits your nomination to the Senate, it will be forwarded to the Committee on Homeland Security & Governmental Affairs (“Committee”) for action. You can track the progress of your nomination on the Committee’s website: <http://www.hsgac.senate.gov/> The Committee may schedule a hearing, and may request you to submit responses to its own questionnaire.

What to Expect at a Committee Hearing

The Committee hearing is intended to be a question and answer session. Some or all of the Committee members will attend the hearing, depending on the Senate’s calendar and their availability. If a senator does not attend, he or she may have staff attend and report back. The questions posed typically address the individual’s qualifications, understanding of how to interpret and apply the law, previous experience in court, judicial temperament, as well as the role of judges. You should, however, be prepared to speak about the entirety of your legal career, writings, and speaking engagements. You may wish to view hearings online at the Committee’s website (search “Associate Judge” on the Hearings page to review past hearings).

After the hearing, you may receive written follow-up questions from Committee members. The written follow-up may address issues not raised in the hearing, or may seek more information about issues that arose during the hearing.

For your nomination to proceed past the hearing stage, a majority of Committee members must support it.

Senate Votes

Once the hearing and any follow-up conclude, you need two votes to move forward with your nomination: (1) a Committee vote to report your nomination to the Senate, and (2) a confirmation vote on the Senate floor. The floor vote is scheduled by the Majority Leader.

Once reported by the Committee, you need to receive a majority vote in the Senate to be confirmed.

Even if your nomination has been reported to the Senate, it may still be returned to the President. This occurs when either the Committee or the Senate takes no action on your nomination. Senate rules provide that any nomination pending when the Senate adjourns or recesses for more than 30 days is returned to the President. Standing Rules of the Senate, Rule XXXI, ¶ 6. This typically occurs at the end of each two-year Congress. If this happens, as explained above, you remain in the candidate pool at the White House, and may be nominated for the same or different vacancy on the same court, *until the vacancy for which you were recommended has been filled*.

Timing

There is no time limit within which the Senate must act on nominations to the District of Columbia courts. Feel free to discuss the pace of confirmations with the JNC in order to understand what you might expect. While your nomination is pending, and while you remain an active candidate at the White House, keep track of the same information you developed when preparing your application. Any aspect of your professional life, or personal events to the extent they relate to your fitness for office, may be considered – including those that occur after you submit your application.

PATHS TO THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA COURTS

There is not just one path to the courts in the District of Columbia, but one of the most common is to have courtroom experience. In addition, half of the candidates recommended to the White House since 2010 had experience as a federal or state judicial law clerk.

Candidates recommended to the President by the JNC reflect the makeup of the District of Columbia legal community: between 1994 and 2015, approximately 30% came from the private and non-profit sectors, and approximately 70% from local or federal government positions.

Superior Court judges generally are assigned to one or more of the Court's divisions during their fifteen years within the courts – Civil, Criminal, Family Court, Probate, Tax, and the Domestic Violence Unit. Some lawyers recommended have specialized experience, having focused throughout their career on one broad substantive area of law (criminal prosecution, criminal defense, civil, or family law), while others have a more diverse background.

To give you a better idea of the different paths lawyers have taken within the courts, review some of the biographical statements of the Associate Judges and the Chief Judges of the District of Columbia Courts, which are available on the DC Courts website: www.dccourts.gov

FOR MORE INFORMATION...

We hope this guide has provided basic information about the judicial recommendation and nomination process, pointed out pitfalls to avoid, and provided useful advice for aspiring judges. If you are considering applying for a judgeship, be active in the local legal community, get to know people who can serve as mentors and advisors, and stay informed of issues confronting the District of Columbia courts. Feel free to contact the JNC at any time. The names and contact information for JNC staff and Commissioners are on the JNC website www.jnc.dc.gov

Good luck!

Additional Resources

How the District of Columbia Gets Its Judges, Council for Court Excellence (DC 2011), <http://www.courtexcellence.org/digital-library> (last accessed March 19, 2018)

For more information on JNC's recommendations, review the *Report of Historical Recommendations*, updated annually: www.jnc.dc.gov

For more information on the courts: www.dccourts.gov

For more information on the Senate Committee: www.hsgac.senate.gov

District of Columbia Judicial Nomination Commission

Senator Lankford was named Chair of the Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs and Federal Management on January 26, 2015.

Confirmations under his chairmanship:

2015

Judge William Nooter

Judge Robert Salerno

Judge Darlene Soltys

2016

Judge Julie Becker

Judge Elizabeth Wingo

Judge Nathan Berk

2017

None

2018

Judge Jonathan Pittman

Judge Kelly Higashi

2019

Carmen McLean