



Federal Bar Association

Capitol Hill Day Prep Call

Wednesday, March 22, 2017
4:00 PM ET

Dial-in Number: 1-866-690-2070
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Agenda

1. Welcome -- West Allen
2. Scheduling Hill Meetings and Hill Logistics – Bruce Moyer
3. Tips and Advice from CHD Veterans – Maria Vathis and Ben Brodsky
4. FBA Policy Priorities – West Allen and Bruce Moyer
5. Next Steps
6. Questions?
7. Adjourn



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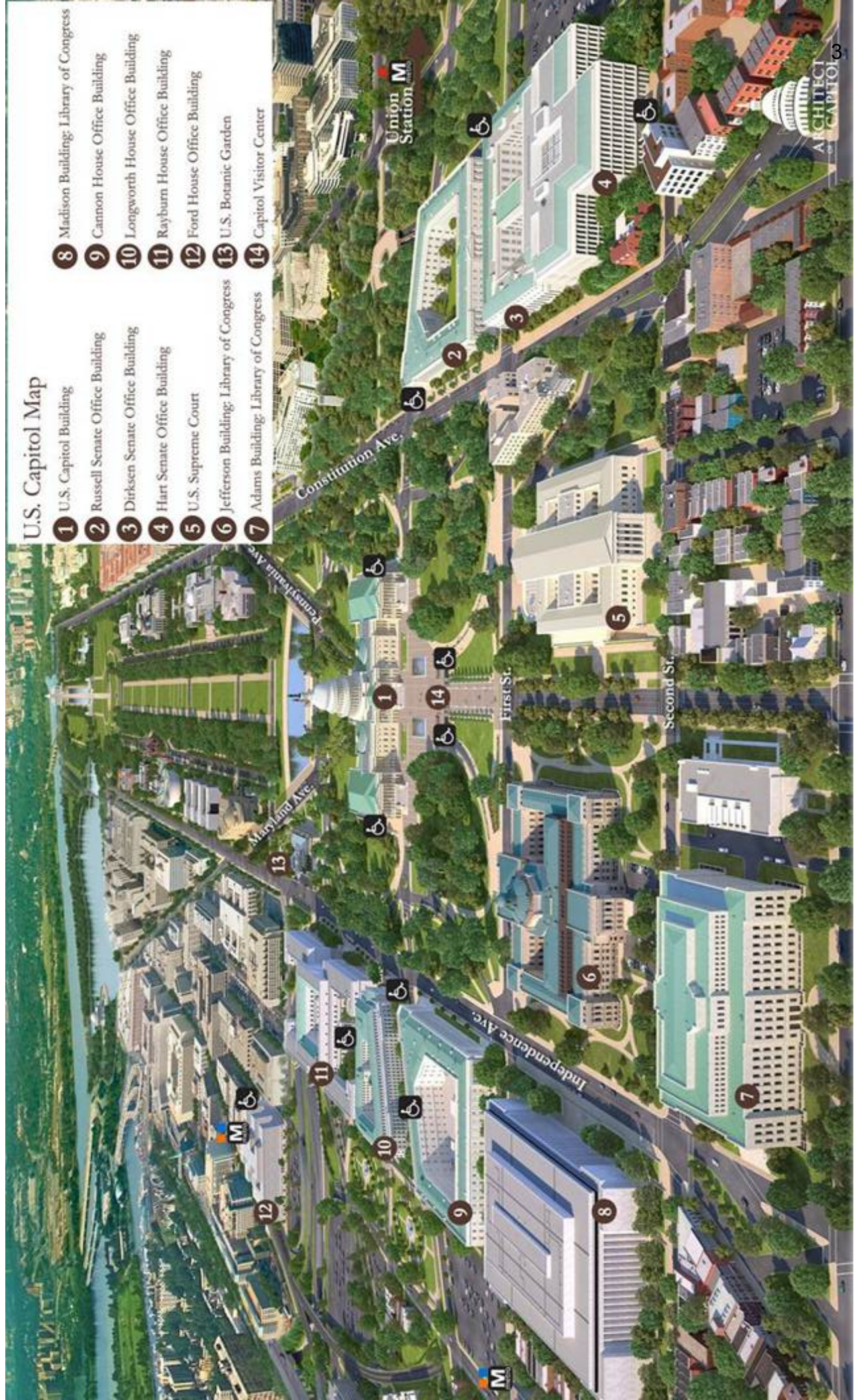
FBA CAPITOL HILL DAY THURSDAY, APRIL 20, 2017

Schedule

8:00 – 9:00 am	Coffee/Continental Breakfast 325 Russell Senate Office Building
9:00 – 9:45 am	FBA Group Photo and Call to Action 325 Russell Senate Office Building
9:45 am	Depart for Meetings with House and Senate Offices
10:00 am – 3:30 pm	Meetings with House and Senate Offices Delegates are responsible for scheduling their meetings
Lunch	On Your Own
	Afternoon Meetings - Return to Capital Hilton by 4:00 pm
4:00 – 5:00 pm	Debriefing on Congressional Meetings Capital Hilton Hotel

U.S. Capitol Map

- 1** U.S. Capitol Building
- 2** Russell Senate Office Building
- 3** Dirksen Senate Office Building
- 4** Hart Senate Office Building
- 5** U.S. Supreme Court
- 6** Jefferson Building; Library of Congress
- 7** Adams Building; Library of Congress
- 8** Madison Building; Library of Congress
- 9** Cannon House Office Building
- 10** Longworth House Office Building
- 11** Rayburn House Office Building
- 12** Ford House Office Building
- 13** U.S. Botanic Garden
- 14** Capitol Visitor Center



2017 FBA CAPITOL HILL DAY

Scheduling of Congressional Meetings

Capitol Hill Day participants are responsible for scheduling their meetings with their respective lawmakers (House member and two Senators).

Meetings with Senate offices should be scheduled in coordination with other FBA chapters from the same state with Capitol Hill Day delegates to assure there is one combined meeting with each of the Senate offices.

In scheduling your meetings, please follow the following steps:

1. You can reach lawmaker offices through calling the Capitol switchboard at 202-224-3121. Call each lawmaker's office and secure the name and email address of the lawmaker's staff member who handles the lawmaker's scheduling.
2. Email each lawmaker's respective scheduler, introduce yourself, state the requested day/time, and the purpose of the meeting. A suggested email template for making the scheduling request follows below.
3. To avoid zig-zag travel back-and-forth across Capitol Hill for your meetings with House and Senate offices, try to consolidate the scheduling of your meetings first on the Senate side, and then on the House side, since the FBA Capitol Hill Day kick-off will begin on the Senate side. Senate meetings can be scheduled as early as 10 am; House meetings as early as 10:30 am. Try to end your meetings by 3:30 pm to assure your return to the hotel for the 4:00 pm debriefing.
4. Schedulers usually respond to scheduling requests in several days. If more time elapses, circle back with the scheduler to repeat the scheduling request.
5. In advance of Capitol Hill Day, FBA Headquarters will provide you with briefing materials you can provide in advance to each Congressional staffer with whom you will be meeting.
6. If you have additional questions, please contact Bruce Moyer, FBA Counsel for Government Relations, at bruce@moyergroup.net or 301-452-1111.

Suggested Email Template for Requesting a Congressional Meeting

Dear [Name of Scheduler]:

I'm writing to request a meeting with you on Thursday, April 20, 2017 in my capacity as [insert FBA Title]. I will be available to meet between 10:30 am and 3:00 pm on that day.

I would like to discuss with you the state of the federal courts, especially in our federal judicial district, and the need for adequate court resources and judgeships. I would also like to discuss the state of current vacancies on the federal bench.

FOR SENATE MEETINGS: This includes the Senatorial arrangements in our state for recommending candidates to the White House for nomination and how the Federal Bar Association may be helpful during that process.

In the event you are unavailable to meet since April 20 falls during recess week, please let me know if another staff member might be available.

Thank you for your assistance. I look forward to meeting.

Name, Title

Email

Telephone

CONGRESSIONAL SCHEDULING “BEST PRACTICE” FROM THE SOUTH FLORIDA AND BROWARD CHAPTERS

Last year, the South Florida and Broward Chapters created a chart of our reps and senators. Then we divided them up—if anyone had a personal connection, he or she would take that one. Otherwise we just assigned them randomly. Then, once we contacted everyone and figured out who was available and willing to meet, we tried to schedule based on whether each congressperson’s office was on the hill. The distances can be significant, so it’s best to try to group them together geographically if possible. A sample chart we used to divide up the congresspeople and then manage the scheduling process is below—obviously, each chapter will have different people in their districts. Also below is the sample language we used for “cold emails” to congresspeople to whom we did not have a connection.

Sample Email:

On behalf of the Federal Bar Association, the premier bar association serving the federal judiciary and federal court practitioners, I write to request your assistance in connection with the scheduling of a meeting with Congresswoman [NAME] on May 19, 2016.

The Federal Bar Association will be having its Capitol Hill Day on May 19, and I will be available between 10:30 am and 3:00 pm on that day. I would like to discuss the state of the federal courts, especially in our federal judicial district, including the need for adequate resources and judgeships for our federal courts, prompt action in filling judicial vacancies, and other matters.

I look forward to hearing from you, and please do not hesitate to contact me or to reply to this email with any questions you may have.

Meeting Time/Place/Contact	Member of Congress / Staff Member	Assigned to	Notes / Status
9:00 a.m. FBA Legislative Advocacy Training 532 Dirksen Senate Office Building	n/a	n/a	Mobile Contact Information: Brett Barfield 786-281-6691 Ben Brodsky 734-945-4873 Jennifer Saltz Bullock 954-914-0120 Oliver Ruiz 305-898-3533 Sally Still 954-478-3341
10:00 a.m.	Rep. Mario Diaz-Balart (FL-25)	OAR	Meeting Set, Time Tentative.

<p>440 Cannon HOB</p> <p>Sarah Hodgkins Scheduler Congressman Mario Diaz-Balart (FL-25) 440 Cannon HOB Washington, DC 20515 202-225-4211</p>			<p>Hi Oliver,</p> <p>I received a D.C. meeting request for Congressman Diaz-Balart from Gloria Amor who schedules in the district. The request is for May 19th. I can tentatively offer your group a 10:00 am slot on that day. However, since we are weeks in advance, this time may be subject to change pending his Committee responsibilities. Please let me know if this works on your end!</p> <p>Best,</p> <p>Sarah Hodgkins Scheduler Congressman Mario Diaz-Balart (FL-25) 440 Cannon HOB Washington, DC 20515 202-225-4211</p>
<p>10:30 a.m.</p> <p>2447 Rayburn HOB</p> <p>Alex Rocha Executive Assistant and Scheduler Congressman Ted Deutch – FL 21 2447 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, DC 20515 Tel: 202-225-3001 District: 561-470-5440</p>	<p>Rep. Ted Deutch (FL-21)</p>	<p>JSB</p>	<p>Meeting Set.</p> <p>Good morning, Jennifer. Thank you for the request. I am happy to schedule 15 minutes with the Congressman on May 19th at 10:30 am – 2447 Rayburn. Please note that votes occur early that day and Members will be departing back to their districts. Let me know if we can confirm.</p> <p>Best,</p> <p>Alex Rocha Executive Assistant and Scheduler Congressman Ted Deutch – FL 21 2447 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, DC 20515 Tel: 202-225-3001 District: 561-470-5440</p>

<p>11:00 a.m.</p> <p>2353 Rayburn Office Building</p> <p>Matthew Price Counsel/Legislative Assistant Office of Congressman Alcee L. Hastings (FL-20) T: (202) 225-1313 F: (202) 225-1171</p>	<p>Matthew Price, Counsel/Legislative Assistant</p> <p>o/b/o Rep. Alcee Hastings (FL-20)</p>	<p>JSB</p>	<p>Meeting Set.</p> <p>Hi Jennifer –</p> <p>Unfortunately, Congressman Hastings will be unable to meet during those times due to a conflict, however, I am happy to meet with representatives from the Federal Bar Association regarding these issues.</p> <p>I am available at 11:00 AM or 1:00 PM on May 19th if one of these times works for you?</p> <p>Best, Matt</p> <p>Matthew Price Counsel/Legislative Assistant Office of Congressman Alcee L. Hastings (FL-20) T: (202) 225-1313 F: (202) 225-1171</p>
<p>11:30 a.m.</p> <p>211 Cannon HOB</p> <p>Angie Toro <i>Director of Scheduling / Policy Analyst</i> Congressman Patrick E. Murphy (FL-18) 211 Cannon House Office Building 202-225-3026 (office) 202-225-8398 (fax) www.patrickmurphy.house.gov</p>	<p>Jordan Blumenthal, Legislative Staffer</p> <p>o/b/o Rep. Patrick Murphy (FL-18)</p>	<p>JSB</p>	<p>Meeting Set. District covers WPB, and Fort Pierce; Status as of 4/6</p> <p>Hey Jennifer,</p> <p>I'd be happy to meet, how's 11:00 am on May 19th?</p> <p>Jordan</p> <p>Jordan Blumenthal <i>Senior Legislative Assistant and Counsel</i> Congressman Patrick E. Murphy (FL-18)</p>

			<p>202-225-3026</p> <p>Dear Jennifer,</p> <p>Thank you for requesting a meeting with Congressman Murphy. Regrettably, due to previously scheduled items, he will be unable to participate in your meeting. I have cc'ed our legislative staffer, Jordan Blumenthal, here who can meet with your group in lieu of Congressman Murphy, if you wish. If so, please contact them directly. Please keep us in mind for future visits.</p> <p>All the best,</p> <p>Angie Toro <i>Director of Scheduling / Policy Analyst</i> Congressman Patrick E. Murphy (FL-18) 211 Cannon House Office Building 202-225-3026 (office) 202-225-8398 (fax) www.patrickmurphy.house.gov</p>
<p>11:30 am.</p> <p>1037 Longworth HOB</p> <p>Congresswoman Lois Frankel (FL-22)</p>	<p>Rep. Lois Frankel (FL-22)JSB</p>	<p>JSB</p>	<p>Coordinate with South Florida Chapter; Status as of 4/6:</p> <p>Jennifer, Thank you for your interest in meeting with Congresswoman Frankel. We will be contacting you shortly to arrange a convenient meeting time for the dates</p>

<p>1037 Longworth House Office Building 202-225-9890 Kate.regan@mail.house.gov</p>			<p>you requested. Until then, please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.</p> <p>Regards,</p> <p>Kate Regan Scheduler Congresswoman Lois Frankel (FL-22) 1037 Longworth House Office Building 202-225-9890 Kate.regan@mail.house.gov</p>
<p>12:00 p.m.</p> <p>208 Cannon HOB</p> <p>Ms. Corey Solow Washington, DC 20515 phone: (202) 225-4506 fax: (202) 226-0777</p>	<p>Rep. Frederica Wilson (FL-24)</p>	<p>OAR</p>	<p>Meeting Set.</p> <p>Hi Oliver,</p> <p>Thank you for responding so quickly to my email!</p> <p>We look forward to seeing you on Thursday, May 19, 2016 at 12:00 pm. For the day of the appointment, our office is located in the Cannon House Office Building, on the south side of the Capitol. We are in room 208, on the second floor. If you have difficulty finding the office, please contact me at 202.225.4506.</p> <p>If there are any changes to your schedule or if you have any questions, please contact me.</p> <p>Thank you again and have a nice day!</p> <p>Corey</p> <p>Ms. Corey Solow Congresswoman Frederica Wilson (FL-24)</p>

<p>1:00 p.m.</p> <p>1114 Longworth HOB</p> <p>Anna Stolzka Scheduler Rep. Debbie Wasserman Schultz (FL-23) 1114 Longworth HOB I Washington, DC t: 202.225.7931 f: 202.226.2052 www.wassermanschultz.house.gov/scheduling</p>	<p>Jonathan Steinberg, Legislative Assistant</p> <p>o/b/o Rep. Debbie Wasserman Schultz (FL-23)</p>	<p>BB</p>	<p>Coordinate with Broward Chapter – status as of 4/6:</p> <p>Hi Benjamin, Thanks for following up. Unfortunately, after we hung up I realized that time does not work for the congresswoman. Her only availability at this time is on Wednesday, 5/18 between 8am-9am. From our conversation earlier, I understand that time does not work on your calendar. However, Jonathan Steinberg, the congresswoman’s legislative assistant, would be delighted to take the meeting on behalf of the congresswoman. Please work with him to schedule. Thanks for your patience,</p> <p>Anna Stolzka Scheduler Rep. Debbie Wasserman Schultz (FL-23) 1114 Longworth HOB I Washington, DC t: 202.225.7931 f: 202.226.2052 www.wassermanschultz.house.gov/scheduling</p>
<p>4:00 p.m.</p> <p>FBA Group Debriefing on Meetings</p> <p>Capital Hilton</p>	<p>n/a</p>	<p>n/a</p>	
<p>716 Senate Hart Office Building Washington, DC 20510 Phone: 202-224-5274 Fax: 202-228-2183</p>	<p>U.S. Senator Bill Nelson</p>	<p>BB</p>	<p>Coordinate with other chapters in Florida so that we can set a joint meeting</p>
<p>284 Russell Senate Office Building</p>	<p>U.S. Senator</p>	<p>OAR</p>	<p>Initial email sent, follow up email sent on 4/7</p>

Washington DC, 20510 Phone: 202-224-3041	Marco Rubio		
1429 Longworth H.O.B. Washington, DC 20515 (202) 225-2778	Rep. Carlos Curbelo (FL-26)	OAR	Initial email sent 3/15, follow up by 4/19
2206 Rayburn HOB Washington, DC 20515 Phone: (202) 225-3931 Fax: (202) 225-5620	Rep. Ileana Ros-Lehtinen (FL-27)	OAR	Initial email sent 3/15, follow up sent on 4/14
	United States House Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management:	OAR	Last year we met with the Subcommittee's Staff Director and Staff Counsel to discuss the Ft. Lauderdale Courthouse, and should follow up this year



2017 Public Policy Priorities

Our Federal Courts Need Adequate Funding

The Federal Bar Association supports the Federal Judiciary's FY 2018 budget request and urges Congress to provide the funds necessary for the Federal courts to fulfill their Constitutional and statutory responsibilities. The request equals \$ 7.2 billion in discretionary appropriations, reflecting an increase of 3.9 percent over the assumed FY 2017 level.

Funding for the Federal Judiciary, a coordinate branch of our Federal government, represents less than two-tenth of one penny of a taxpayer's dollar.

Judicial Vacancies and the Need for Prompt Action in Filling Them

There are historically high levels of vacancies on the Federal district and appellate court bench that require prompt attention by the President and the Senate. Currently there are 95 district court vacancies and 18 appeals court vacancies. High numbers of vacancies on the Federal bench harm the delivery of justice, the economic interests of litigants before the courts, and public respect for the efficiency our judicial system. Delays in litigation caused by vacancies especially slow the speed of civil trials and judgments. Vacancies and delay add greater costs to already high litigation expenses. For business clients, these costs get passed on to customers, and when the United States is a party to the case, it means that the public is paying that higher tab.

The Federal Bar Association calls upon the President and Congress to act promptly and responsibly in nominating and confirming nominees to the Federal appellate and district courts. The President and the Senate have a Constitutional obligation to assure that the Federal courts are staffed with sufficient numbers of judges to promptly administer justice. The FBA urges the Senate to work in a bipartisan fashion to promptly provide an up-or-down vote to qualified judicial nominees to Federal district and appellate court judgeships.

The Federal Bar Association also invites home-state Senators to call upon FBA chapters in their states to assist in appropriate ways to identify well-qualified candidates to the federal bench.

The Urgent Need to Reauthorize Temporary Bankruptcy Judgeships

Twenty-nine temporary bankruptcy judgeships in 19 judicial districts are set to expire on May 25, 2017. Unless Congress reauthorizes these temporary bankruptcy judgeships by May 25, by law any bankruptcy judgeship vacancy occurring in any of those 19 districts after May 25 cannot be filled. In districts with multiple temporary judgeships, additional vacancies occurring after May 25 could lead to even more lost judgeships.

The twenty-nine temporary judgeships are located in the following 19 judicial districts: Central District of California (3); Eastern District of California (1); District of Delaware (5); Southern District of Florida (2); Southern District of Georgia (1); District of Maryland (3); Eastern District of Michigan (1); District of Nevada (1); District of New Jersey (1); Northern District of New York (1); Eastern District of North Carolina (1); Middle District of North Carolina (1); Eastern District of Pennsylvania (1); Middle District of Pennsylvania (1); District of Puerto Rico (2); District of South Carolina (1); Eastern District of Tennessee (1); Western District of Tennessee (1); Eastern District of Virginia (1);

The FBA urges Congress to reauthorize these temporary bankruptcy judgeships before May 25. Nearly 800,000 bankruptcy cases were filed in the federal courts last year, and more are expected as interest rates begin to rise.

Congress Should Establish Additional Judgeships

Inadequate numbers of judgeships have created difficulties for some Federal courts, especially courts struggling with extraordinarily high and sustained workloads. The Federal Bar Association supports the establishment of additional district court and appeals court judgeships in conformance with the Article III judgeship recommendations of the Judicial Conference of the United States. The Judicial Conference biennially reviews the judgeship needs of all district and appeals courts to capably administer civil and criminal justice. The Judicial Conference's last review of judgeship needs, completed in March 2017, recommended that Congress establish 57 new judgeships in 52 district courts and 5 new judgeships in the courts of appeals, and convert 8 temporary district court judgeships to permanent positions.

The last time that Congress passed a comprehensive Article III judgeships bill was 1990, nearly three decades ago. While Congress has established additional judgeships in some of the Federal courts along the southwest border, significant needs in other districts remain.

About the FBA

The Federal Bar Association is the foremost national bar association devoted exclusively to the practice and jurisprudence of Federal law and the vitality of the United States Federal court system. More than 18,000 lawyers and judges belong to the Association. The Federal Bar Association as a matter of policy takes no position on the credentials or qualifications of specific nominees to the Federal bench. The FBA's foremost interest lies in the assurance of prompt, dispositive action by the President in nominating federal judicial candidates and the Senate in confirming (or not confirming) them.

For Further Information:

Contact Bruce Moyer, Counsel for Government Relations to the Federal Bar Association
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March 16, 2017

SUMMARY OF THE JUDICIARY'S FISCAL YEAR 2018 BUDGET REQUEST

The Judiciary's fiscal year 2018 budget request of \$7.2 billion in discretionary appropriations reflects a 3.9 percent increase above the assumed fiscal year 2017 appropriation to support the Constitutional and statutory mission of the federal courts.

The request will maintain current services across the Judiciary and sustain progress on several major initiatives. The request addresses staffing and workload needs in the courts and federal defender offices, improves security at federal court facilities, and funds several new initiatives needed to support judicial operations.

The Judiciary's request includes funding for several major space and facilities initiatives for the courts, as well as cybersecurity improvements in several Judiciary accounts. The request fully funds the Judiciary's defender services program, which provides court-appointed counsel to indigent defendants, and includes both a \$6 rate increase above inflation to the non-capital panel attorney hourly rate, from \$132 to \$138, and several specialized defender services positions that are not currently provided for by the federal defender staffing formula. The requested level also provides for a sufficient level of security at federal court facilities nationwide, including investments to improve the quality of security systems, equipment and information technology. Lastly, the Judiciary's request will ensure funds are available for criminal and civil jury trials, including the compensation of jurors at the \$50 daily rate that is assumed to be approved in FY 2017.

The Judicial Conference is grateful for the support of Congress in this difficult and constrained fiscal environment; however, we remain concerned about the potential for steep cuts to FY 2018 non-defense discretionary spending that could impact Judiciary funding. Our constitutional system of government, with separation of powers and checks and balances, cannot function as intended if the judicial branch is insufficiently resourced. We ask that Congress take into account the nature and importance of the work of the federal courts and continue to make the Judiciary a funding priority.

Details of the Fiscal Year 2018 Budget Request

- The Judiciary's fiscal year 2018 appropriations request totals \$7.9 billion. The request includes \$7.2 billion in discretionary appropriations, an increase of \$274.3 million (3.9 percent) over fiscal year 2017 assumed appropriations. The request also includes \$636.1 million in mandatory appropriations, an increase of \$43.4 million above fiscal year 2017 assumed levels.

Discretionary Appropriations

- A total of \$232.3 million (84.7 percent) of the \$274.3 million increase requested will provide for pay adjustments, inflation, and other adjustments to base necessary to maintain current services. Of this amount:
 - An increase of \$129.2 million provides for inflationary pay and benefit rate increases for magistrate and claims judges and support personnel, including annualization of fiscal year 2017 pay adjustments, expected January 2018 pay adjustments (e.g., 1.6% COLA for federal workers), changes in benefits costs, a COLA for panel attorneys, and a wage

rate adjustment for court security officers.

- An increase of \$44.8 million is necessary to replace non-appropriated sources of funds used to support base requirements in fiscal year 2017 with direct appropriations.
 - An increase of \$17.3 million provides for increases in contract rates and other standard inflationary increases.
 - An increase of \$21.9 million is associated with additional chambers staff for newly confirmed or appointed judges, and judges taking senior status.
 - A net decrease of \$8.9 million provides for space-related adjustments.
 - An increase of \$19.0 million is to support the ongoing operations and maintenance of the Judiciary's information technology infrastructure, systems and applications.
 - An increase of \$2.0 million will provide for costs associated with a significantly increasing workload for the Vaccine Injury program.
 - A decrease of \$5.6 million is for non-recurring costs associated with contracts for the development of new treatment curricula as part of the Evidence-Based Practices program.
 - A net increase of \$5.1 million is for changes in the defender services program, including the annualization of Federal Defender Organization (FDO) positions assumed to be funded in FY 2017, projected changes in panel attorney workload, training and contracts.
 - A net increase of \$3.3 million funds security-related adjustments, including the annualization of new Court Security Officer positions assumed to be funded in FY 2017.
 - An increase of \$4.1 million provides for the projected net change in juror costs, including the cost of annualizing the \$10 increase in the daily juror attendance fee (from \$40 to \$50) assumed to be funded in FY 2017.
 - An increase of \$0.1 million is for the annualization of new positions at the U.S. Sentencing Commission assumed to be funded in FY 2017.
- A total of \$42.0 million (15.3 percent) of the \$274.3 million increase requested will provide for program enhancements. Of this amount:
 - An increase of \$0.4 million is for staff and infrastructure to support the facilities of the Supreme Court.
 - An increase of \$0.7 million funds an additional magistrate judge and staff.
 - An increase of \$10.0 million is for one-time costs to implement additional space reduction projects.
 - An increase of \$10.0 million provides for repairs to the Thurgood Marshall Federal

Judiciary Building façade to address serious safety issues.

- An increase of \$2.7 million is for telecommunications, security and swing space requirements for courthouse construction projects that are currently underway.
- An increase of \$8.8 million funds cybersecurity enhancements for the Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, the courts' Salaries and Expenses account and Defender Services.
- An increase of \$2.2 million is for Criminal Justice Act panel management staff and new positions at defender services national projects, neither of which are covered by the current federal defender staffing formula.
- An increase of \$4.0 million provides for IT modernization and upgrades for the defender services program.
- An increase of \$1.8 million provides for a \$6 per hour panel attorney rate increase above inflation, from \$132 to \$138, for non-capital cases.
- An increase of \$1.5 million funds court security-related enhancements, including two small IT-related initiatives and new staff to manage the Physical Access Control Systems program.

Mandatory Appropriations

- A \$43.3 million increase is requested for Judiciary mandatory appropriations, as follows:
 - An increase of \$7.3 million provides for pay adjustments for Article III and bankruptcy judges' salaries, including annualization of the fiscal year 2017 pay adjustment, the proposed January 2018 pay adjustment (e.g. 1.6% COLA for federal workers), and changes in benefits costs.
 - An increase of \$9.3 million funds salary costs associated with changes in the number of senior judges and filled Article III and bankruptcy judgeships.
 - An increase of \$26.7 million provides for the Judiciary retirement trust funds accounts based on requirements calculated by an independent actuary.

Judiciary Appropriations

Discretionary Appropriations Account	FY 2017 Assumed Appropriation	FY 2018 Request	\$ Change FY 2018 vs. FY 2017 Assumed	% Change FY 2018 vs. FY 2017 Assumed
U.S. Supreme Court				
Salaries & Expenses	\$76,668	\$78,538	\$1,870	2.4%
Care of Building and Grounds	\$14,868	\$15,689	\$821	5.5%
Total	\$91,536	\$94,227	\$2,691	2.9%
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit	\$30,108	\$31,075	\$967	3.2%
U.S. Court of International Trade	\$18,462	\$18,649	\$187	1.0%
Courts of Appeals, District Courts, and Other Judicial Services				
Salaries & Expenses - Direct	\$5,010,000	\$5,168,974	\$158,974	
Vaccine Injury Trust Fund	\$6,260	\$8,221	\$1,961	
Total	\$5,016,260	\$5,177,195	\$160,935	3.2%
Defender Services	\$1,054,468	\$1,132,284	\$77,816	7.4%
Fees of Jurors & Commissioners	\$43,723	\$52,673	\$8,950	20.5%
Court Security	\$565,388	\$583,799	\$18,411	3.3%
Subtotal	\$6,679,839	\$6,945,951	\$266,112	4.0%
Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts	\$87,500	\$90,339	\$2,839	3.2%
Federal Judicial Center	\$28,200	\$29,082	\$882	3.1%
U.S. Sentencing Commission	\$18,000	\$18,576	\$576	3.2%
Direct Vaccine Injury Trust Fund	\$6,947,385	\$7,219,678	\$272,293	
Total Discretionary Appropriations	\$6,953,645	\$7,227,899	\$274,254	3.9%

Mandatory Appropriations:

Salaries of Judges ¹	\$424,439	\$441,090	\$16,651	
Judicial Retirement Funds	\$168,300	\$195,000	\$26,700	
Total Mandatory Appropriations	\$592,739	\$636,090	\$43,351	7.3%

Total Judiciary Appropriations	\$7,546,384	\$7,863,989	\$317,605	4.2%
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¹ Mandatory salaries include the salaries of justices of the Supreme Court, judges of the Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit and Court of International Trade, and Article III and bankruptcy judges funded in the Courts' Salaries and Expenses account. (Magistrate judges and Court of Federal Claims judges are funded by discretionary appropriations.)

Report from the Chair of the Government Relations Committee



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FBA, Judicial Vacancies and the Judicial Nomination Process

- FBA historically has promoted prompt attention by the President and the Senate to the filling of federal judicial vacancies.
- Vacancies are at historic highs. There currently are 95 district court vacancies and 19 circuit court vacancies.
- The filling of these vacancies by the new Administration, with input from the respective Home State Senators, provides an exceptional opportunity for FBA chapters to assist Home State Senators in a fashion that promotes a prompt, informed judicial nomination process.



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Home State Senator Involvement

- By well-established custom, Home State Senators, particularly those of the President's political party, enjoy the prerogative to propose nominees to the White House.
- The process that Home State Senators (HSS) use to identify, vet and recommend individuals for nomination varies from state to state. Some HSS selection processes are relatively informal. Other may use HSS-appointed committees to screen potential nominees. State bar and other associations may already be assisting Home State Senators through membership on such committees.



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How FBA Chapters Can Assist

FBA Chapters can assist and promote a prompt, informed judicial nomination process.

Chapters can:

- Educate their member on judicial vacancies that exist in their respective judicial district(s);
- Identify the process that their Home State Senators use to solicit, identify and recommend judicial candidates for consideration by the White House;



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How FBA Chapters Can Assist (Cont.)

Chapters Also Can:

- Inform their membership of the Home State Senator announcements of applications for judgeships
- Encourage well-qualified lawyers in the judicial district to consider application for consideration as a judicial candidate;



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How FBA National & GRC Can Assist

FBA National and the Government Relations Committee also can:

- Provide technical assistance and information to chapters as they monitor the judicial nomination process in their respective districts.
- Gather information from chapters on the current HSS process that exists in their state; and share that information collectively



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Current Judicial Vacancies

This table contains a listing of current judicial vacancies by court. The name of the incumbent, the reason for the vacancy, the vacancy date, the nominee (if applicable), and the nomination date.

Vacancies in the Federal Judiciary

115th Congress

Last updated on 03/11/2017

Total Vacancies: 123

Total Nominees Pending: 1

Court	Incumbent	Vacancy Reason	Vacancy Date	Nominee	Nomination Date
01 - MA	Woodlock,Douglas P.	Senior	06/01/2015		
01 - PR	Fuste,Jose Antonio	Retired	06/01/2016		
01 - RI	Lisi,Mary M.	Senior	10/01/2015		
02 - CCA	Lynch,Gerard E.	Senior	09/05/2016		
02 - CCA	Wesley,Richard C.	Senior	08/01/2016		
02 - CT	Chatigny,Robert N.	Senior	01/01/2017		
02 - NY-E	Vitaliano,Eric N.	Senior	02/28/2017		
02 - NY-E	Feuerstein,Sandra J.	Senior	01/21/2015		
02 - NY-E	Amon,Carol Bagley	Senior	11/30/2016		
02 - NY-E	Gleeson,John	Resigned	03/09/2016		
02 - NY-N	Sharpe,Gary L.	Senior	01/01/2016		
02 - NY-S	Preska,Loretta A.	Senior	03/01/2017		
02 - NY-S	Crotty,Paul A.	Senior	08/01/2015		
02 - NY-W	Skretny,William M.	Senior	03/08/2015		
03 - CCA	Fisher,D. Michael	Senior	02/01/2017		
03 - CCA	Rendell,Marjorie O.	Senior	07/01/2015		

Court	Incumbent	Vacancy Reason	Vacancy Date	Nominee	Nomination Date
03 - CCA	Fuentes,Julio M.	Senior	07/18/2016		
03 - DE	Robinson,Sue L.	Senior	02/03/2017		
03 - NJ	Hochberg,Faith S.	Retired	03/06/2015		
03 - NJ	Martini,William J.	Senior	02/10/2015		
03 - PA-E	Restrepo,Luis Felipe	Elevated	01/11/2016		
03 - PA-E	McLaughlin,Mary A.	Senior	11/18/2013		
03 - PA-W	Gibson,Kim R.	Senior	06/03/2016		
03 - PA-W	Lancaster,Gary L.	Deceased	04/24/2013		
03 - PA-W	McLaughlin,Sean J.	Resigned	08/16/2013		
03 - PA-W	McVerry,Terrence F.	Senior	09/30/2013		
04 - MD	Quarles Jr.,William D.	Retired	02/01/2016		
04 - NC-E	Howard,Malcolm J.	Senior	12/31/2005		
04 - SC	Anderson Jr.,Joseph F.	Senior	11/16/2014		
04 - SC	Currie,Cameron McGowan	Senior	10/03/2013		
05 - CCA	Davis,W. Eugene	Senior	12/31/2016		
05 - CCA	King,Carolyn Dineen	Senior	12/31/2013		
05 - CCA	Garza,Emilio M.	Senior	08/01/2012		
05 - LA-E	Berrigan,Helen G.	Senior	08/23/2016		
05 - LA-E	Lemelle,Ivan L.	Senior	06/29/2015		
05 - LA-W	James,Robert G.	Senior	05/31/2016		
05 - LA-W	Haik,Richard T.	Senior	03/06/2015		
05 - TX-E	Davis,Leonard E.	Retired	05/15/2015		
05 - TX-E	Schneider,Michael H.	Senior	01/07/2016		
05 - TX-E	Schell,Richard A.	Senior	03/10/2015		

Court	Incumbent	Vacancy Reason	Vacancy Date	Nominee	Nomination Date
05 - TX-N	Robinson,Mary Lou	Senior	02/03/2016		
05 - TX-N	Means,Terry	Senior	07/03/2013		
05 - TX-N	Solis,Jorge A.	Retired	05/01/2016		
05 - TX-N	Cummings,Samuel Ray	Senior	12/31/2014		
05 - TX-S	Jack,Janis Graham	Senior	06/01/2011		
05 - TX-S	Costa,Gregg Jeffrey	Elevated	05/20/2014		
05 - TX-W	Junell,Robert A.	Senior	02/13/2015		
05 - TX-W	Smith Jr.,Walter S.	Retired	09/14/2016		
06 - CCA	Boggs,Danny J.	Senior	02/28/2017		
06 - CCA	Martin Jr.,Boyce F.	Retired	08/16/2013		
06 - KY-E	Coffman,Jennifer B.	Retired	01/08/2013		
06 - KY-W	Heyburn II,John G.	Senior	04/01/2014		
06 - MI-E	Rosen,Gerald E.	Senior	10/26/2016		
06 - MI-W	Bell,Robert Holmes	Senior	01/31/2017		
06 - OH-N	Nugent,Donald C.	Senior	01/01/2017		
06 - OH-S	Frost,Gregory L.	Retired	05/02/2016		
06 - TN-M	Campbell,Todd J.	Senior	12/01/2016		
06 - TN-W	Mays Jr.,Samuel H.	Senior	07/01/2015		
07 - CCA	Tinder,John Daniel	Senior	02/18/2015		
07 - CCA	Evans,Terence T.	Senior	01/07/2010		
07 - IL-N	Zagel,James B.	Senior	10/21/2016		
07 - IL-N	Darraha,John W.	Senior	03/01/2017		
07 - IN-N	Miller Jr.,Robert L.	Senior	01/11/2016		
07 - IN-S	Barker,Sarah Evans	Senior	06/30/2014		

Court	Incumbent	Vacancy Reason	Vacancy Date	Nominee	Nomination Date
07 - WI-E	Randa,Rudolph T.	Senior	02/05/2016		
08 - CCA	Murphy,Diana E.	Senior	11/29/2016		
08 - CCA	Bye,Kermit Edward	Senior	04/22/2015		
08 - MN	Frank,Donovan W.	Senior	10/31/2016		
08 - MN	Montgomery,Ann D.	Senior	05/31/2016		
09 - AK	Beistline,Ralph R.	Senior	12/31/2015		
09 - AZ	Wake,Neil Vincent	Senior	07/05/2016		
09 - AZ	Bolton,Susan R.	Senior	09/01/2016		
09 - CA-C	Collins,Audrey B.	Retired	08/01/2014		
09 - CA-C	Snyder,Christina A.	Senior	11/23/2016		
09 - CA-C	King,George H.	Retired	01/06/2017		
09 - CA-C	Pregerson,Dean D.	Senior	01/28/2016		
09 - CA-C	Morrow,Margaret M.	Senior	10/29/2015		
09 - CA-S	Huff,Marilyn L.	Senior	09/30/2016		
09 - CCA	Clifton,Richard R.	Senior	12/31/2016		
09 - CCA	Pregerson,Harry	Senior	12/11/2015		
09 - CCA	O'Scannlain,Diarmuid F.	Senior	12/31/2016		
09 - CCA	Silverman,Barry G.	Senior	10/11/2016		
09 - HI	Mollway,Susan Oki	Senior	11/06/2015		
09 - ID	Lodge,Edward J.	Senior	07/03/2015		
09 - NV	Jones,Robert Clive	Senior	02/01/2016		
09 - WA-W	Lasnik,Robert S.	Senior	01/27/2016		
09 - WA-W	Robart,James L.	Senior	06/28/2016		
09 - WA-W	Pechman,Marsha J.	Senior	02/06/2016		

Court	Incumbent	Vacancy Reason	Vacancy Date	Nominee	Nomination Date
10 - CO	Blackburn,Robert E.	Senior	04/12/2016		
10 - KS	Vratil,Kathryn H.	Senior	04/22/2014		
10 - OK-W	Friot,Stephen P.	Senior	12/01/2014		
10 - OK-W	Cauthron,Robin J.	Senior	07/14/2015		
10 - OK-W	Russell,David L.	Senior	07/07/2013		
10 - UT	Stewart,Brian T.	Senior	09/01/2014		
11 - AL-M	Fuller,Mark E.	Resigned	08/01/2015		
11 - AL-M	Thompson,Myron H.	Senior	08/22/2013		
11 - AL-N	Smith Jr.,C. Lynwood	Senior	08/31/2013		
11 - AL-N	Blackburn,Sharon Lovelace	Senior	05/08/2015		
11 - AL-S	Granade,Callie V.S.	Senior	03/07/2016		
11 - CCA	Dubina,Joel F.	Senior	10/26/2013		
11 - FL-M	Conway,Anne C.	Senior	08/01/2015		
11 - FL-M	Steele,John E.	Senior	06/03/2015		
11 - FL-N	Hinkle,Robert L.	Senior	11/07/2016		
11 - FL-N	Smoak,Richard	Senior	12/31/2015		
11 - FL-S	Cohn,James I.	Senior	08/05/2016		
11 - FL-S	Zloch,William J.	Senior	01/31/2017		
11 - FL-S	Rosenbaum,Robin S.	Elevated	05/12/2014		
11 - GA-M	Royal,Charles Ashley	Senior	09/01/2016		
11 - GA-N	Carnes,Julie E.	Elevated	07/21/2014		
11 - GA-S	Moore Jr.,William T.	Senior	02/28/2017		
CL	Block,Lawrence J.	Retired	01/08/2016		
CL	Miller,George W.	Retired	08/06/2013		

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CL	Damich,Edward J.	Senior	10/21/2013		
CL	Bush,Lynn J.	Senior	10/21/2013		
CL	Hewitt,Emily C.	Retired	10/21/2013		
CL	Firestone,Nancy B.	Senior	10/21/2013		
DC - DC	Walton,Reggie B.	Senior	12/31/2015		
DC - DC	Leon,Richard J.	Senior	12/31/2016		
DC - DC	Roberts,Richard W.	Senior	03/16/2016		
DC - DC	Collyer,Rosemary M.	Senior	05/18/2016		
IT	Pogue,Donald C.	Senior	07/01/2014		
IT	Eaton,Richard K.	Senior	08/22/2014		
SC	Scalia,Antonin	Deceased	02/13/2016	Gorsuch,Neil M.	02/01/2017

Total Vacancies: 123

Total Nominees Pending: 1

Judicial Vacancy List for January 2017

Vacancies in the Federal Judiciary

114th Congress

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Total Vacancies: 112

Total Nominees Pending: 59

Court	Incumbent	Vacancy Reason	Vacancy Date	Nominee	Nomination Date
01 - MA	Woodlock,Douglas P.	Senior	06/01/2015	Bernstein,Inga S.	07/30/2015
01 - PR	Fuste,Jose Antonio	Retired	06/01/2016		
01 - RI	Lisi,Mary M.	Senior	10/01/2015	McElroy,Mary Susan	09/08/2015
02 - CCA	Wesley,Richard C.	Senior	08/01/2016		
02 - CCA	Lynch,Gerard E.	Senior	09/05/2016		
02 - CT	Chatigny,Robert N.	Senior	01/01/2017		
02 - NY-E	Amon,Carol Bagley	Senior	11/30/2016		
02 - NY-E	Feuerstein,Sandra J.	Senior	01/21/2015	Brown,Gary Richard	07/30/2015
02 - NY-E	Gleeson,John	Resigned	03/09/2016	Gujarati,Diane	09/13/2016
02 - NY-N	Sharpe,Gary L.	Senior	01/01/2016		
02 - NY-S	Crotty,Paul A.	Senior	08/01/2015		
02 - NY-W	Skretny,William M.	Senior	03/08/2015	Sweet,Kathleen Marie	03/15/2016
03 - CCA	Fuentes,Julio M.	Senior	07/18/2016		
03 - CCA	Rendell,Marjorie O.	Senior	07/01/2015	Haywood,Rebecca Ross	03/15/2016
03 - NJ	Martini,William J.	Senior	02/10/2015		
03 - NJ	Hochberg,Faith S.	Retired	03/06/2015	Neals,Julien Xavier	02/26/2015
03 - PA-E	Restrepo,Luis Felipe	Elevated	01/11/2016		
03 - PA-E	McLaughlin,Mary A.	Senior	11/18/2013	Younge,John Milton	07/30/2015

Court	Incumbent	Vacancy Reason	Vacancy Date	Nominee	Nomination Date
03 - PA-W	Gibson, Kim R.	Senior	06/03/2016		
03 - PA-W	McLaughlin, Sean J.	Resigned	08/16/2013	Baxter, Susan Paradise	07/30/2015
03 - PA-W	Lancaster, Gary L.	Deceased	04/24/2013	Colville, Robert John	07/30/2015
03 - PA-W	McVerry, Terrence F.	Senior	09/30/2013	Horan, Marilyn Jean	07/30/2015
04 - MD	Quarles Jr., William D.	Retired	02/01/2016	Gallagher, Stephanie Agli	09/08/2015
04 - NC-E	Howard, Malcolm J.	Senior	12/31/2005	Timmons-Goodson, Patricia Ann	04/28/2016
04 - SC	Currie, Cameron McGowan	Senior	10/03/2013	Beatty, Donald W.	02/25/2016
04 - SC	Anderson Jr., Joseph F.	Senior	11/16/2014	Coggins Jr., Donald C.	02/25/2016
05 - CCA	King, Carolyn Dineen	Senior	12/31/2013		
05 - CCA	Garza, Emilio M.	Senior	08/01/2012		
05 - CCA	Davis, W. Eugene	Senior	12/31/2016		
05 - LA-E	Berrigan, Helen G.	Senior	08/23/2016		
05 - LA-E	Lemelle, Ivan L.	Senior	06/29/2015	Kelly III, Claude J.	02/04/2016
05 - LA-W	James, Robert G.	Senior	05/31/2016		
05 - LA-W	Haik, Richard T.	Senior	03/06/2015	Finley, Stephanie A.	02/04/2016
05 - TX-E	Schneider, Michael H.	Senior	01/07/2016		
05 - TX-E	Davis, Leonard E.	Retired	05/15/2015		
05 - TX-E	Schell, Richard A.	Senior	03/10/2015	Scholer, Karen Gren	03/15/2016
05 - TX-N	Robinson, Mary Lou	Senior	02/03/2016		
05 - TX-N	Cummings, Samuel Ray	Senior	12/31/2014	Frost, E. Scott	03/15/2016
05 - TX-N	Solis, Jorge A.	Retired	05/01/2016	Hendrix, James Wesley	03/15/2016
05 - TX-N	Means, Terry	Senior	07/03/2013	Ramirez, Irma Carrillo	03/15/2016
05 - TX-S	Costa, Gregg Jeffrey	Elevated	05/20/2014		
05 - TX-S	Jack, Janis Graham	Senior	06/01/2011		

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05 - TX-W	Smith Jr.,Walter S.	Retired	09/14/2016		
05 - TX-W	Junell,Robert A.	Senior	02/13/2015	Counts III,Walter David	03/15/2016
06 - CCA	Martin Jr.,Boyce F.	Retired	08/16/2013	Hughes,Lisabeth Tabor	03/17/2016
06 - KY-E	Coffman,Jennifer B.	Retired	01/08/2013		
06 - KY-W	Heyburn II,John G.	Senior	04/01/2014		
06 - MI-E	Rosen,Gerald E.	Senior	10/26/2016		
06 - OH-N	Nugent,Donald C.	Senior	01/01/2017		
06 - OH-S	Frost,Gregory L.	Retired	05/02/2016		
06 - TN-M	Campbell,Todd J.	Senior	12/01/2016		
06 - TN-W	Mays Jr.,Samuel H.	Senior	07/01/2015	Stanton III,Edward L.	05/21/2015
07 - CCA	Evans,Terence T.	Senior	01/07/2010	Schott,Donald K.	01/12/2016
07 - CCA	Tinder,John Daniel	Senior	02/18/2015	Selby,Myra C.	01/12/2016
07 - IL-N	Zagel,James B.	Senior	10/21/2016		
07 - IN-N	Miller Jr.,Robert L.	Senior	01/11/2016		
07 - IN-S	Barker,Sarah Evans	Senior	06/30/2014	Ong,Winfield D.	01/12/2016
07 - WI-E	Randa,Rudolph T.	Senior	02/05/2016		
08 - CCA	Murphy,Diana E.	Senior	11/29/2016		
08 - CCA	Bye,Kermit Edward	Senior	04/22/2015	Puhl,Jennifer Kelmetsrud	01/28/2016
08 - MN	Montgomery,Ann D.	Senior	05/31/2016		
08 - MN	Frank,Donovan W.	Senior	10/31/2016		
09 - AK	Beistline,Ralph R.	Senior	12/31/2015		
09 - AZ	Wake,Neil Vincent	Senior	07/05/2016		
09 - AZ	Bolton,Susan R.	Senior	09/01/2016		
09 - CA-C	Snyder,Christina A.	Senior	11/23/2016		

Court	Incumbent	Vacancy Reason	Vacancy Date	Nominee	Nomination Date
09 - CA-C	Morrow,Margaret M.	Senior	10/29/2015		
09 - CA-C	Pregerson,Dean D.	Senior	01/28/2016	Abrams,Paul Lewis	12/16/2015
09 - CA-C	Collins,Audrey B.	Retired	08/01/2014	Young,Mark A.	07/16/2015
09 - CA-S	Huff,Marilyn L.	Senior	09/30/2016		
09 - CCA	Silverman,Barry G.	Senior	10/11/2016		
09 - CCA	O'Scannlain,Diarmuid F.	Senior	12/31/2016		
09 - CCA	Clifton,Richard R.	Senior	12/31/2016		
09 - CCA	Pregerson,Harry	Senior	12/11/2015	Koh,Lucy Haeran	02/25/2016
09 - HI	Mollway,Susan Oki	Senior	11/06/2015	Connors,Clare Elizabeth	09/08/2015
09 - ID	Lodge,Edward J.	Senior	07/03/2015	Nye,David C.	04/06/2016
09 - NV	Jones,Robert Clive	Senior	02/01/2016	Traum,Anne Rachel	04/28/2016
09 - WA-W	Lasnik,Robert S.	Senior	01/27/2016	Andrus,Beth M.	04/14/2016
09 - WA-W	Robart,James L.	Senior	06/28/2016	Diaz,J. Michael	04/14/2016
09 - WA-W	Pechman,Marsha J.	Senior	02/06/2016	O'Sullivan,Kathleen M.	04/14/2016
10 - CO	Blackburn,Robert E.	Senior	04/12/2016	Rodriguez,Regina M.	04/28/2016
10 - KS	Vratil,Kathryn H.	Senior	04/22/2014	Campbell,Terrence J.	01/28/2016
10 - OK-W	Cauthron,Robin J.	Senior	07/14/2015		
10 - OK-W	Russell,David L.	Senior	07/07/2013	Mitchell,Suzanne	12/16/2015
10 - OK-W	Friot,Stephen P.	Senior	12/01/2014	Palk,Scott L.	12/16/2015
10 - UT	Stewart,Brian T.	Senior	09/01/2014	Russell,Ronald G.	12/16/2015
11 - AL-M	Fuller,Mark E.	Resigned	08/01/2015		
11 - AL-M	Thompson,Myron H.	Senior	08/22/2013		
11 - AL-N	Smith Jr.,C. Lynwood	Senior	08/31/2013		
11 - AL-N	Blackburn,Sharon Lovelace	Senior	05/08/2015		

Court	Incumbent	Vacancy Reason	Vacancy Date	Nominee	Nomination Date
11 - AL-S	Granade,Callie V.S.	Senior	03/07/2016		
11 - CCA	Dubina,Joel F.	Senior	10/26/2013	Kallon,Abdul K.	02/11/2016
11 - FL-M	Steele,John E.	Senior	06/03/2015	Barksdale,Patricia D.	04/28/2016
11 - FL-M	Conway,Anne C.	Senior	08/01/2015	Jung,William F.	04/28/2016
11 - FL-N	Hinkle,Robert L.	Senior	11/07/2016		
11 - FL-N	Smoak,Richard	Senior	12/31/2015	Lammens,Philip R.	04/28/2016
11 - FL-S	Cohn,James I.	Senior	08/05/2016		
11 - FL-S	Rosenbaum,Robin S.	Elevated	05/12/2014	Flores,Mary Barzee	02/26/2015
11 - GA-M	Royal,Charles Ashley	Senior	09/01/2016		
11 - GA-N	Carnes,Julie E.	Elevated	07/21/2014	Lopez,Dax Eric	07/30/2015
CL	Block,Lawrence J.	Retired	01/08/2016		
CL	Damich,Edward J.	Senior	10/21/2013	Bonilla,Armando Omar	01/07/2015
CL	Firestone,Nancy B.	Senior	10/21/2013	Firestone,Nancy B.	01/07/2015
CL	Bush,Lynn J.	Senior	10/21/2013	Halkowski,Thomas L.	01/07/2015
CL	Hewitt,Emily C.	Retired	10/21/2013	McCarthy,Patricia M.	01/07/2015
CL	Miller,George W.	Retired	08/06/2013	Somers,Jeri Kaylene	01/07/2015
DC - DC	Roberts,Richard W.	Senior	03/16/2016	Edelman,Todd E.	04/28/2016
DC - DC	Walton,Reggie B.	Senior	12/31/2015	Pan,Florence Y.	04/28/2016
DC - DC	Collyer,Rosemary M.	Senior	05/18/2016	Qureshi,Abid Riaz	09/06/2016
IT	Pogue,Donald C.	Senior	07/01/2014	Davidson,Jeanne E.	01/07/2015
IT	Eaton,Richard K.	Senior	08/22/2014	Drake,Elizabeth J.	07/30/2015
SC	Scalia,Antonin	Deceased	02/13/2016	Garland,Merrick B.	03/16/2016

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Judicial Emergencies

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*Adjusted Filings per Panel and Weighted Filings per Judgeship are Calendar Year Data

Beginning with calendar year 2015, weighted filings are based on the new district court case weights [approved by the Judicial Conference \(/news/2016/03/15/judicial-conference-addresses-judgeship-needs-issues\)](/news/2016/03/15/judicial-conference-addresses-judgeship-needs-issues) in March 2016.

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Total Emergencies: 48

Court	Vacancy Created By	Reason	Vacancy Date	Days Pending	Weighted Filings per Judgeship *	Adjusted Filings per Panel *
05 - LA-E	Berrigan,Helen G.	Senior	08/23/2016	200	1177	0
05 - LA-E	Lemelle,Ivan L.	Senior	06/29/2015	621	1177	0
05 - TX-E	Schneider,Michael H.	Senior	01/07/2016	429	962	0
05 - TX-E	Schell,Richard A.	Senior	03/10/2015	732	962	0
05 - TX-E	Davis,Leonard E.	Retired	05/15/2015	666	962	0
07 - IN-S	Barker,Sarah Evans	Senior	06/30/2014	985	821	0
06 - TN-M	Campbell,Todd J.	Senior	12/01/2016	100	780	0
05 - TX-W	Junell,Robert A.	Senior	02/13/2015	757	737	0

Court	Vacancy Created By	Reason	Vacancy Date	Days Pending	Weighted Filings per Judgeship *	Adjusted Filings per Panel *
05 - TX-W	Smith Jr.,Walter S.	Retired	09/14/2016	178	737	0
09 - AZ	Wake,Neil Vincent	Senior	07/05/2016	249	727	0
09 - AZ	Bolton,Susan R.	Senior	09/01/2016	191	727	0
11 - FL-S	Zloch,William J.	Senior	01/31/2017	39	715	0
11 - FL-S	Cohn,James I.	Senior	08/05/2016	218	715	0
11 - FL-S	Rosenbaum,Robin S.	Elevated	05/12/2014	1034	715	0
04 - NC-E	Howard,Malcolm J.	Senior	12/31/2005	4088	615	0
11 - FL-M	Steele,John E.	Senior	06/03/2015	647	608	0
11 - FL-M	Conway,Anne C.	Senior	08/01/2015	588	608	0
05 - TX-S	Jack,Janis Graham	Senior	06/01/2011	2110	561	0
05 - TX-S	Costa,Gregg Jeffrey	Elevated	05/20/2014	1026	561	0
09 - CA-C	Collins,Audrey B.	Retired	08/01/2014	953	558	0
11 - GA-N	Carnes,Julie E.	Elevated	07/21/2014	964	553	0
03 - NJ	Hochberg,Faith S.	Retired	03/06/2015	736	545	0
03 - NJ	Martini,William J.	Senior	02/10/2015	760	545	0
05 - TX-N	Means,Terry	Senior	07/03/2013	1347	542	0
05 - TX-N	Cummings,Samuel Ray	Senior	12/31/2014	801	542	0
02 - NY-E	Feuerstein,Sandra J.	Senior	01/21/2015	780	506	0
09 - ID	Lodge,Edward J.	Senior	07/03/2015	617	493	0
10 - UT	Stewart,Brian T.	Senior	09/01/2014	922	480	0
02 - NY-S	Crotty,Paul A.	Senior	08/01/2015	588	463	0
02 - NY-W	Skretny,William M.	Senior	03/08/2015	734	455	0

Court	Vacancy Created By	Reason	Vacancy Date	Days Pending	Weighted Filings per Judgeship *	Adjusted Filings per Panel *
04 - SC	Currie,Cameron McGowan	Senior	10/03/2013	1255	439	0
04 - SC	Anderson Jr.,Joseph F.	Senior	11/16/2014	846	439	0
11 - AL-M	Thompson,Myron H.	Senior	08/22/2013	1297	382	0
11 - AL-M	Fuller,Mark E.	Resigned	08/01/2015	588	382	0
02 - CCA	Wesley,Richard C.	Senior	08/01/2016	222	0	715
02 - CCA	Lynch,Gerard E.	Senior	09/05/2016	187	0	715
05 - CCA	Davis,W. Eugene	Senior	12/31/2016	70	0	981
05 - CCA	King,Carolyn Dineen	Senior	12/31/2013	1166	0	981
05 - CCA	Garza,Emilio M.	Senior	08/01/2012	1683	0	981
06 - CCA	Martin Jr.,Boyce F.	Retired	08/16/2013	1303	0	588
07 - CCA	Evans,Terence T.	Senior	01/07/2010	2620	0	543
07 - CCA	Tinder,John Daniel	Senior	02/18/2015	752	0	543
08 - CCA	Bye,Kermit Edward	Senior	04/22/2015	689	0	635
09 - CCA	Pregerson,Harry	Senior	12/11/2015	456	0	772
09 - CCA	Clifton,Richard R.	Senior	12/31/2016	70	0	772
09 - CCA	O'Scannlain,Diarmuid F.	Senior	12/31/2016	70	0	772
09 - CCA	Silverman,Barry G.	Senior	10/11/2016	151	0	772
11 - CCA	Dubina,Joel F.	Senior	10/26/2013	1232	0	1151

Total Emergencies: 48

Future Judicial Vacancies

This table lists judicial vacancies that will occur in the future, for instance if a current federal judge announces his or her retirement. Find out the court where the vacancy will occur, the name of the incumbent, the vacancy reason, the vacancy date, the nominee (if applicable), and the nomination date.

Future Vacancies in the Federal Judiciary

115th Congress

Last updated on 03/11/2017

Total Vacancies: 12

Total Nominees Pending: 0

Court	Incumbent	Vacancy Reason	Vacancy Date	Nominee	Nomination Date
06 - TN-W	Breen,J. Daniel	Senior	03/18/2017		
11 - GA-N	Murphy,Harold L.	Senior	03/31/2017		
06 - TN-M	Sharp,Kevin Hunter	Resigned	04/15/2017		
10 - KS	Marten,John Thomas	Senior	05/01/2017		
03 - NJ	Simandle,Jerome B.	Senior	05/31/2017		
05 - LA-W	Doherty,Rebecca F.	Senior	06/05/2017		
11 - AL-S	Steele,William H.	Senior	06/08/2017		
01 - ME	Woodcock Jr.,John A.	Senior	06/27/2017		
08 - CCA	Riley,William Jay	Senior	06/30/2017		
04 - NC-W	Voorhees,Richard L.	Senior	08/31/2017		
08 - MO-E	Jackson,Carol E.	Retired	08/31/2017		
07 - IN-N	Van Bokkelen,Joseph S	Senior	09/29/2017		

Total Vacancies: 12

Total Nominees Pending: 0

TABLE 1. ADDITIONAL JUDGESHIPS OR CONVERSION OF EXISTING JUDGESHIPS RECOMMENDED BY THE JUDICIAL CONFERENCE 2017

CIRCUIT/DISTRICT	AUTHORIZED JUDGESHIPS	JUDICIAL CONFERENCE RECOMMENDATION
U.S. COURTS OF APPEALS		5P
NINTH	29	5P
U.S. DISTRICT COURTS		52P, 8T/P
ARIZONA	13	T/P
CALIFORNIA, CENTRAL	28	7P, T/P
CALIFORNIA, EASTERN	6	5P
CALIFORNIA, NORTHERN	14	2P
CALIFORNIA, SOUTHERN	13	3P
COLORADO	7	1P
DELAWARE	4	1P
FLORIDA, MIDDLE	15	6P
FLORIDA, NORTHERN	4	1P
FLORIDA, SOUTHERN	18	3P, T/P
GEORGIA, NORTHERN	11	1P
IDAHO	2	1P
INDIANA, SOUTHERN	5	1P
KANSAS	6	T/P
MINNESOTA	7	1P
MISSOURI, EASTERN	8	T/P
NEVADA	7	1P
NEW JERSEY	17	3P
NEW MEXICO	7	2P, T/P
NEW YORK, EASTERN	15	2P
NEW YORK, SOUTHERN	28	1P
NEW YORK, WESTERN	4	1P
NORTH CAROLINA, WESTERN	5	T/P
PUERTO RICO	7	1P
TEXAS, EASTERN	8	2P, T/P
TEXAS, SOUTHERN	19	2P
TEXAS, WESTERN	13	4P

P = PERMANENT; T/P = TEMPORARY MADE PERMANENT