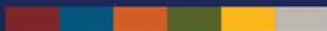


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An up-to-date look at the  
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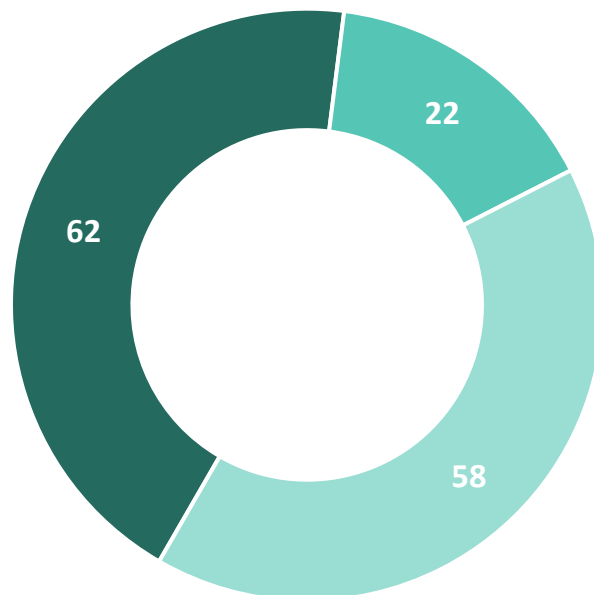
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# Biden has had 62 federal judges confirmed while 58 Article III seats remain vacant without a nominee

## Status of Senate confirmations

■ Confirmed ■ Awaiting confirmation ■ No nominee



President Biden inherited **46** federal judicial vacancies

As of May 18, 2022:

**92** judiciary positions have opened up during Biden's presidency and either remain vacant or have been filled

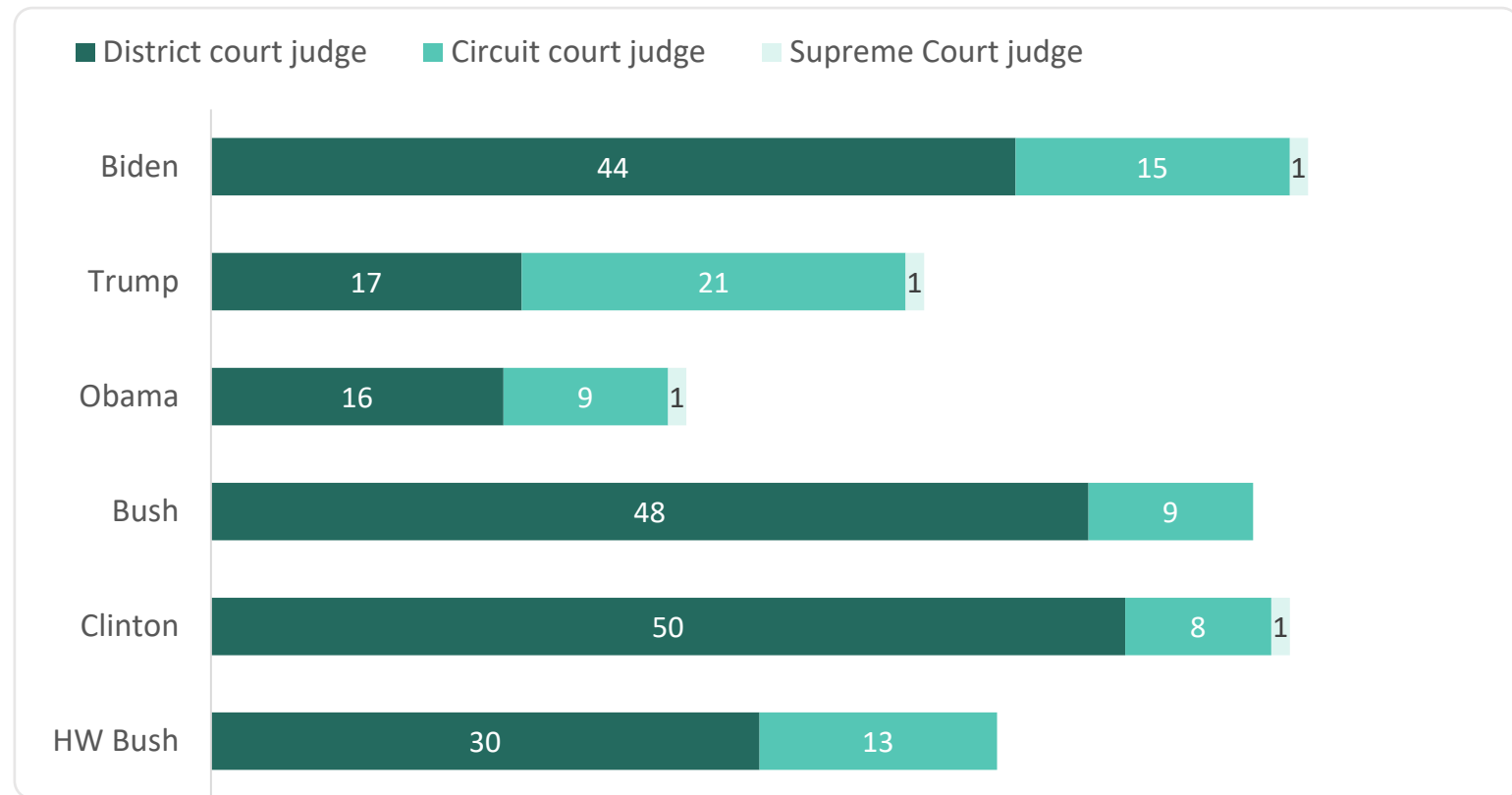
Total:

**138 potential Biden nominations**

# 62 of Biden's nominated federal judges have been confirmed as of May 18, 2022

## Number of federal judges nominated and confirmed

AS OF MAY 18 OF THE SECOND YEAR OF EACH PRESIDENT'S FIRST TERM



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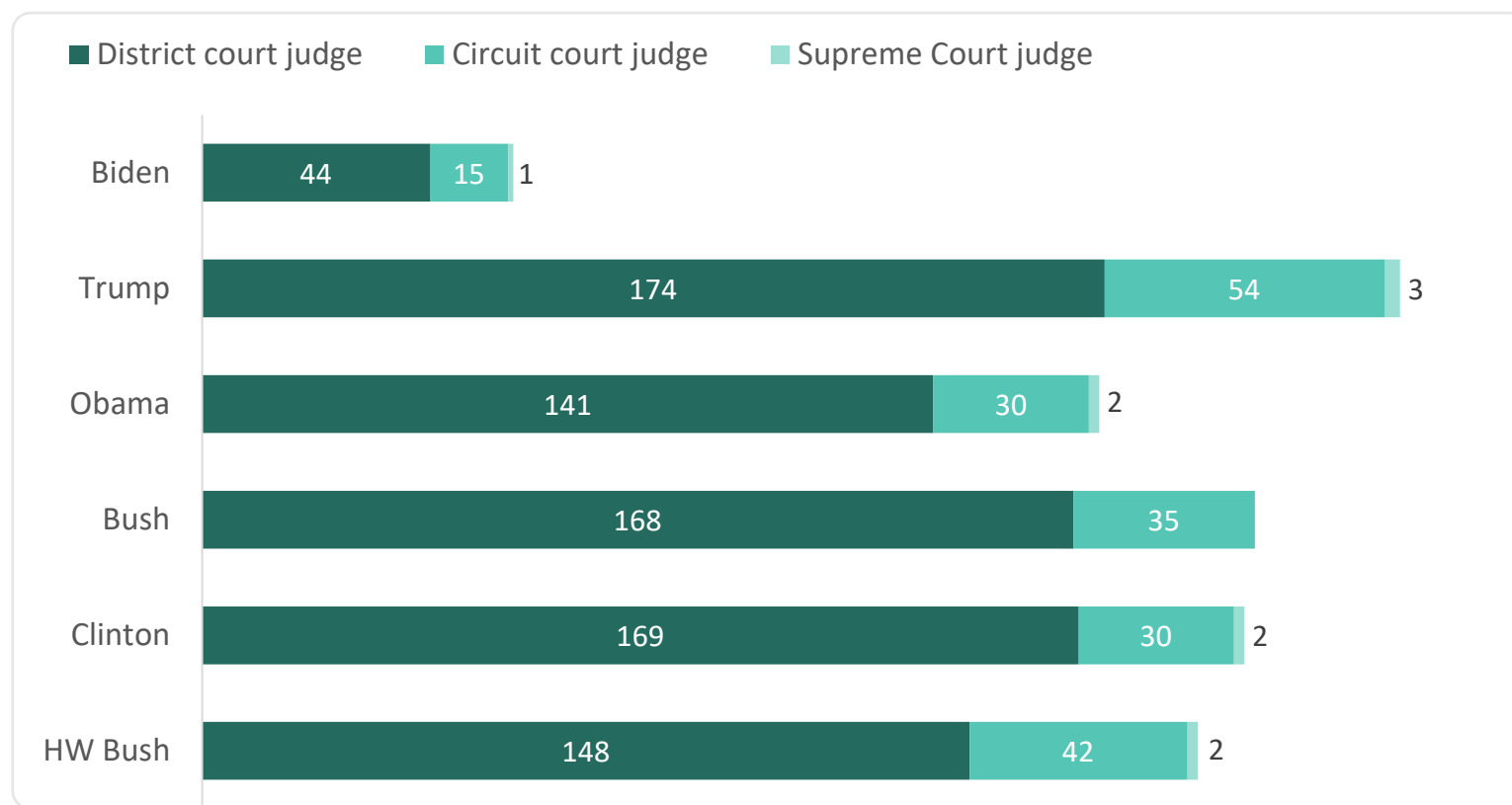
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# An overview of the Article III courts

## US District Courts

### Organization:

- The nation is split into 94 federal judicial districts
- The District of Columbia and four US territories have a district court

### Court cases:

- District courts hear disputes in trial and have a jury and district judge who hear the cases

## US Court of Appeals

### Organization:

- Federal judicial districts are organized into 12 circuits, which each have a court of appeals. There are 13 US Court of Appeals
- There are three judges and no jury

### Court cases:

- Circuit courts hear challenges to district courts within its circuit

## Supreme Court

### Organization:

The Supreme Court is the highest court in the US  
There are nine justices on the bench: one chief justice and eight associate justices

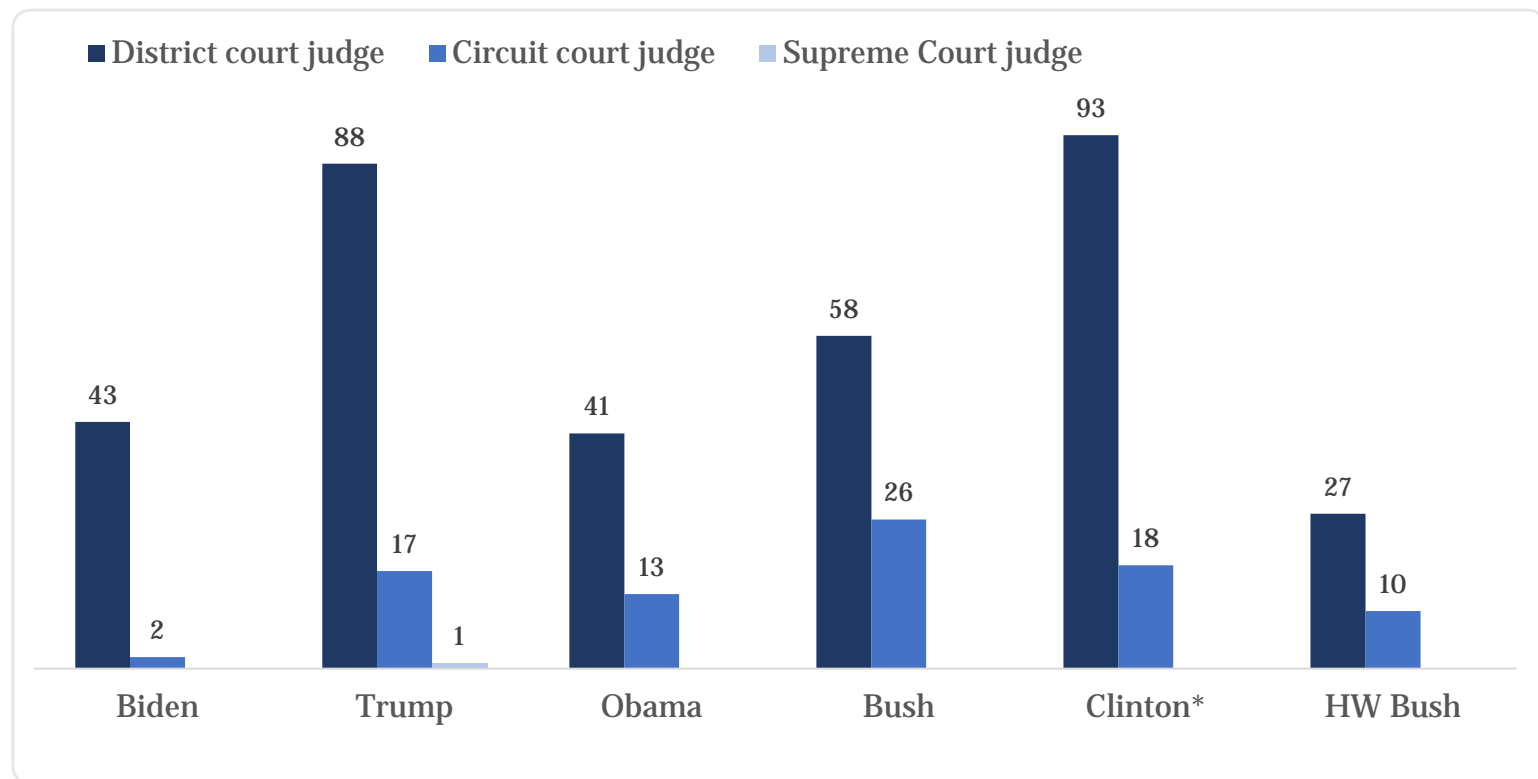
The Court has jurisdiction over all federal and state courts, and is the final interpreter of federal law

The three courts listed here are Article III courts, meaning that they are federal courts established under Article III of the US Constitution and have lifetime appointments

# Biden inherited 43 district court vacancies at the beginning of his presidency

## Number of federal judicial vacancies

AT THE BEGINNING OF EACH PRESIDENT'S FIRST TERM



\*George HW Bush signed the Judicial Improvement Act of 1990 which created 85 new federal judicial positions. Due to congressional opposition and the 1991 Iraq War, Bush was not able to fill many of these positions, ultimately leaving a large number for Clinton to fill.

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# 1<sup>st</sup> Circuit: Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Puerto Rico, and Rhode Island

5 judges\* (5D, 0R), 1 vacancy

Current judge	Date	President	Nominee (if applicable)	Date nominated
Chief – David Barron	2014	Obama		
Sandra Lynch	1995	Clinton		
O. Rogerie Thompson	2010	Obama		
William Kayatta, Jr.	2013	Obama		
Gustavo Gelpi	2021	Biden		
Vacancy (Howard)				

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## 2<sup>nd</sup> Circuit: Connecticut, New York, and Vermont

13 judges\* (7D, 6R), no vacancies

Current judge	Date	President	Nominee (if applicable)	Date nominated
Chief – Debra Ann Livingston	2007	G.W. Bush		
José Cabranes	1994	Clinton		
Raymond Lohier, Jr.	2010	Obama		
Susan Carney	2011	Obama		
Richard Sullivan	2018	Trump		
Joseph Frank Bianco	2019	Trump		
Michael H. Park	2019	Trump		
William Joseph Nardini	2019	Trump		
Steven Menashi	2019	Trump		
Eunice Lee	2021	Biden		
Beth Robinson	2021	Biden		
Myrna Perez	2021	Biden		
Alison Nathan	2022	Biden		

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# 3rd Circuit: Delaware, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and the US Virgin Islands

13 judges\* (6D, 7R), 1 vacancy

Current judge	Date	President	Nominee (if applicable)	Date nominated
Chief – Michael Chagares	2006	G.W. Bush		
Theodore McKee	1994	Clinton		
Thomas Ambro	2000	Clinton		
Kent Jordan	2006	G.W. Bush		
Thomas Hardiman	2007	G.W. Bush		
Joseph Greenaway, Jr.	2010	Obama		
Patty Shwartz	2013	Obama		
Cheryl Ann Krause	2014	Obama		
Luis Felipe Restrepo	2016	Obama		
Stephanos Bibas	2017	Trump		
David James Porter	2018	Trump		
Paul Matey	2019	Trump		
Peter Joseph Phipps	2019	Trump		
Vacant (D. Brooks Smith)	2002	G.W. Bush		

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# 4th Circuit: Maryland, North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia and West Virginia

14 judges\* (8D, 6R), 1 vacancy

Current judge	Date	President	Nominee (if applicable)	Date nominated
Chief – Roger Gregory	2000	Clinton/ G.W. Bush		
J. Harvie Wilkinson III	1984	Reagan		
Paul Niemeyer	1990	G.H.W. Bush		
Diana Gribbon Motz	1994	Clinton		
Robert King	1998	Clinton		
G. Steven Agee	2008	G.W. Bush		
James Wynn, Jr.	2010	Obama		
Albert Diaz	2010	Obama		
Stephanie Thacker	2012	Obama		
Pamela Harris	2014	Obama		
Julius Ness Richardson	2018	Trump		
A. Marvin Quattlebaum, Jr.	2018	Trump		
Allison Jones Rushing	2019	Trump		
Toby Heytens	2021	Biden		
Vacant (Henry Franklin Floyd)	2011	Obama		

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# 5th Circuit: Louisiana, Mississippi and Texas

17 judges\* (5D, 12R), no vacancies

Current judge	Date	President	Nominee (if applicable)	Date nominated
Chief – Priscilla Owen	2005	G.W. Bush		
Edith Jones	1985	Reagan		
Jerry Edwin Smith	1987	Reagan		
Carl Stewart	1994	Clinton		
James Dennis	1995	Clinton		
Jennifer Walker Elrod	2007	G.W. Bush		
Leslie Southwick	2007	G.W. Bush		
Catharina Haynes	2008	G.W. Bush		
James Graves, Jr.	2011	Obama		
Stephen Higginson	2011	Obama		
Gregg Costa	2014	Obama		
Don Willett	2018	Trump		
James Ho	2018	Trump		
Stuart Kyle Duncan	2018	Trump		
Kurt Engelhardt	2018	Trump		
Andrew Oldham	2018	Trump		
Cory T. Wilson	2020	Trump		

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# 6th Circuit: Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio and Tennessee

16 judges\* (5D, 11R), no vacancies

Current judge	Date	President	Nominee (if applicable)	Date nominated
Chief – R. Guy Cole, Jr.	1995	Clinton		
Karen Nelson Moore	1995	Clinton		
Eric Clay	1997	Clinton		
Julia Smith Gibbons	2002	G.W. Bush		
Jeffrey Sutton	2003	G.W. Bush		
Richard Griffin	2005	G.W. Bush		
Raymond Kethledge	2008	G.W. Bush		
Helene White	2008	G.W. Bush		
Jane Branstetter Stranch	2010	Obama		
Bernice B. Donald	2011	Obama		
Amul Thapar	2017	Trump		
John Bush	2017	Trump		
Joan Larsen	2017	Trump		
John Nalbandian	2018	Trump		
Chad Readler	2019	Trump		
Eric Murphy	2019	Trump		

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# 7th Circuit: Illinois, Indiana and Wisconsin

11 judges\* (3D, 8R), no vacancies

Current judge	Date	President	Nominee (if applicable)	Date nominated
Chief – Diane Sykes	2004	G.W. Bush		
Frank Easterbrook	1985	Reagan		
Michael Kanne	1987	Reagan		
Ilana Rovner	1992	G.H.W. Bush		
Diane Pamela Wood	1995	Clinton		
David Hamilton	2009	Obama		
Michael Brennan	2018	Trump		
Michael Scudder	2018	Trump		
Amy St. Eve	2018	Trump		
Thomas Kirsch II	2020	Trump		
Candace Jackson-Akiwumi	2021	Biden		

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# 8th Circuit: Arkansas, Iowa, Minnesota, Missouri, North Dakota, and South Dakota

11 judges\* (1D, 10R), no vacancies

Current judge	Date	President	Nominee (if applicable)	Date nominated
Chief – Lavenski Smith	2002	G.W. Bush		
James Loken	1990	G.H.W. Bush		
Steven Colloton	2003	G.W. Bush		
Raymond Gruender	2004	G.W. Bush		
Duane Benton	2004	G.W. Bush		
Bobby Shepherd	2006	G.W. Bush		
Jane Kelly	2013	Obama		
Ralph Erickson	2017	Trump		
L. Steven Gras	2018	Trump		
David Stras	2018	Trump		
Jonathan Kobes	2018	Trump		

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# 9th Circuit: Alaska, Arizona, California, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, and Washington (1/2)

29 judges\* (16D, 13R), no vacancies

Current judge	Date	President	Nominee (if applicable)	Date nominated
Chief – Sidney Thomas	1996	Clinton		
M. Margaret McKeown	1998	Clinton		
Kim McLane Wardlaw	1998	Clinton		
Ronald Gould	1999	Clinton		
Johnnie Rawlinson	2000	Clinton		
Sandra Segal Ikuta	2006	G.W. Bush		
Consuelo Maria Callahan	2006	G.W. Bush		
Milan Smith, Jr.	2006	G.W. Bush		
Mary Murguia	2011	Obama		
Morgan Christen	2012	Obama		
Jacqueline Nguyen	2012	Obama		
Paul Watford	2012	Obama		
Andrew Hurwitz	2012	Obama		
John Owens	2014	Obama		

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## 9th Circuit: Alaska, Arizona, California, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, and Washington (2/2)

29 judges\* (16D, 13R), no vacancies

Current judge	Date	President	Nominee (if applicable)	Date nominated
Michelle Friedland	2014	Obama		
Mark Bennett	2018	Trump		
Ryan Nelson	2018	Trump		
Eric Miller	2019	Trump		
Bridget Bade	2019	Trump		
Daniel Paul Collins	2019	Trump		
Kenneth Kiyul Lee	2019	Trump		
Daniel Aaron Bress	2019	Trump		
Danielle J. Hunsaker	2019	Trump		
Patrick Joseph Bumatay	2019	Trump		
Lawrence J.C. VanDyke	2019	Trump		
Lucy Koh	2021	Biden		
Jennifer Sung	2021	Biden		
Gabriel P. Sanchez	2022	Biden		
Holly A. Thomas	2022	Biden		

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# 10<sup>th</sup> Circuit: Colorado, Kansas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Utah, and Wyoming

11 judges\* (6D, 5R), 1 vacancy

Current judge	Date	President	Nominee (if applicable)	Date nominated
Chief – Timothy Tymkovich	2003	G.W. Bush		
Harris Hartz	2001	G.W. Bush		
Jerome Holmes	2006	G.W. Bush		
Scott Matheson, Jr.	2010	Obama		
Robert Bacharach	2013	Obama		
Gregory Phillips	2013	Obama		
Carolyn McHugh	2014	Obama		
Nancy Moritz	2014	Obama		
Allison Eid	2017	Trump		
Joel Carson III	2018	Trump		
Veronica Rossman	2021	Biden		
Vacant (Mary Beck Briscoe)	1995	Clinton		

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# 11<sup>th</sup> Circuit: Alabama, Florida, and Georgia

11 judges\* (4D, 7R), 1 vacancy

Current judge	Date	President	Nominee (if applicable)	Date nominated
Chief – William H Pryor, Jr.	2004	G.W. Bush		
Charles Wilson	1999	Clinton		
Adalberto Jordan	2012	Obama		
Robin Rosenbaum	2014	Obama		
Jill Pryor	2014	Obama		
Kevin Newsom	2017	Trump		
Elizabeth Branch	2018	Trump		
Britt Grant	2018	Trump		
Robert J. Luck	2019	Trump		
Barbara Lagoa	2019	Trump		
Andrew Lynn Brasher	2019	Trump		
Vacant (Beverly Martin)	2010	Obama		

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# DC Circuit: District of Columbia

11 judges\* (7D, 4R), no vacancies

Current judge	Date	President	Nominee (if applicable)	Date nominated
Chief – Sri Srinivasan	2013	Obama		
Karen LeCraft Henderson	1990	G.H.W. Bush		
Judith Rogers	1994	Clinton		
David Tatel	1994	Clinton		
Patricia Millett	2013	Obama		
Cornelia Pillard	2013	Obama		
Robert Wilkins	2014	Obama		
Gregory Katsas	2017	Trump		
Neomi Jehangir Rao	2019	Trump		
Justin Reed Walker	2020	Trump		
Ketanji Brown Jackson	2021	Biden		

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# Federal Circuit: Merging of the US Court of Customs and Patent Appeals & US Court of Claims

12 judges\* (8D, 4R), no vacancies

Current judge	Date	President	Nominee (if applicable)	Date nominated
Chief – Sharon Prost	2001	G.W. Bush		
Pauline Newman	1984	Reagan		
Alan David Lourie	1990	G.H.W. Bush		
Timothy Dyk	2000	Clinton		
Kimberly Ann Moore	2006	G.W. Bush		
Jimmie Reyna	2011	Obama		
Richard Taranto	2013	Obama		
Raymond Chen	2013	Obama		
Todd Hughes	2013	Obama		
Kara Farnandez Stoll	2015	Obama		
Tiffany Cunningham	2021	Biden		
Leonard Philip Stark	2022	Biden		

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# Supreme Court

9 judges (3D, 6R), no vacancies

Current judge	Date	President	Nominee (if applicable)	Date nominated
Chief Justice – John Roberts	2006	G.W. Bush		
Clarence Thomas	1991	H.W. Bush		
Samuel Alito	2006	G.W. Bush		
Sonia Sotomayor	2009	Obama		
Elena Kagan	2010	Obama		
Neil Gorsuch	2017	Trump		
Brett Kavanaugh	2018	Trump		
Amy Coney Barrett	2020	Trump		
Ketanji Brown Jackson	2022	Biden		

