



United States Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit

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Chief Judge Merrick B. Garland will complete his term as Chief Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit on February 11, 2020. Judge Garland, who has been a member of the D.C. Circuit since 1997 and Chief Judge since 2013, will be succeeded as Chief Judge by Judge Sri Srinivasan. Judge Garland will continue as an active member of the court.

While serving as Chief Judge, Judge Garland also served as the Chair of the Executive Committee of the Judicial Conference of the United States. The Judicial Conference makes policy for the administration of the federal courts; the Executive Committee serves as its senior executive arm. Judge Garland was particularly involved in developing the judiciary's policies and plans regarding workplace conduct, judicial conduct and disability, cybersecurity, the Criminal Justice Act program, budgetary matters, and court operations during government shutdowns. During his term as Chief Judge, Judge Garland's initiatives for the D.C. Circuit focused on workplace conduct, judicial transparency, and community engagement.

Judge Srinivasan, who will succeed Judge Garland, was appointed to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit in May 2013. Born in Chandigarh, India and raised in Lawrence, Kansas, he received a B.A. from Stanford University, a J.D. from Stanford Law School, and an M.B.A. from the Stanford Graduate School of Business. Following graduation, he served as a law clerk to Judge J. Harvie Wilkinson III of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit, as a Bristow Fellow in the Office of the U.S. Solicitor General, and as a law clerk to U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor. In 1998, he joined the law firm O'Melveny & Myers. From 2002 to 2007, he served as an Assistant to the Solicitor General. In 2007, he returned to O'Melveny & Myers as a partner, later becoming chair of the firm's appellate and Supreme Court practice. From 2011 until his appointment to the U.S. Court of Appeals, Judge Srinivasan served as the Principal Deputy Solicitor General of the United States. He has argued 25 cases before the U.S. Supreme Court. He has also taught appellate advocacy at Harvard Law School as well as a seminar on civil rights statutes and the Supreme Court at Georgetown University Law Center.