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Appointment of Circuit Executive for the U.S. Courts of the D.C. Circuit

The Judicial Council of the U.S. Courts of the D.C. Circuit is pleased to announce the selection of Spencer Hallett as the next Circuit Executive for the U.S. Courts of the D.C. Circuit. Mr. Hallett will officially assume the responsibilities of Circuit Executive on December 30, 2024, upon the retirement of our current Circuit Executive, Betsy Paret, who has served as the Circuit Executive since 2007.

Mr. Hallett served as Chief Deputy Clerk for Administration for the District Court since 2016. Before coming to the District Court, Mr. Hallett worked at the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts from 2006 until 2016, most recently as the Chief of the Financial Services Branch. Prior to joining the federal judiciary, Mr. Hallett worked as a consultant for private firms in the federal financial management systems practice area. He received his undergraduate degree from James Madison University.

The Judicial Council would also like to express its profound appreciation to outgoing Circuit Executive Betsy Paret for her 33 years of service to the federal judiciary and almost 18 years as Circuit Executive. Ms. Paret has been a critical part of the D.C. Circuit and implemented many innovations to improve service, increase productivity, and conserve resources amongst the courts. Ms. Paret was also instrumental in the pandemic response. In addition to serving the D.C. Circuit so ably, Ms. Paret also served the entire federal judiciary, taking on national leadership roles on advisory councils and working groups for the Administrative Office and Federal Judicial Center.

The Judicial Council is extremely appreciative of Ms. Paret's stewardship of the Circuit Executive's Office and her dedication to the federal judiciary.