



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

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Chief Judge David B. Sentelle will complete his term as Chief Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit on February 11, 2013. Judge Sentelle, who has been a member of the D.C. Circuit since 1987 and Chief Judge since 2008, will be succeeded as Chief Judge by Judge Merrick B. Garland. Judge Sentelle will continue to serve as a senior circuit judge.

While serving as Chief Judge, Judge Sentelle also served as the Chair of the Executive Committee of the Judicial Conference of the United States. The Executive Committee is the senior executive arm of the Judicial Conference, which makes recommendations to the Chief Justice of the United States and the Judicial Conference and its committees with respect to the needs of the judiciary. Judge Sentelle also regularly assisted the Federal Judicial Center with its educational programs for judges by giving lectures on law and terrorism.

Judge Merrick B. Garland, who will succeed Judge Sentelle as Chief Judge, joined the D.C. Circuit in April 1997. He graduated from Harvard College in 1974 and Harvard Law School in 1977. Following graduation, he served as law clerk to Judge Henry J. Friendly of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit and to U.S. Supreme Court Justice William J. Brennan, Jr. From 1979 to 1981, he was Special Assistant to the Attorney General of the United States. He then joined the law firm of Arnold & Porter, where he was a partner from 1985 to 1989 and from 1992 to 1993. He served as an Assistant U.S. Attorney for the District of Columbia from 1989 to 1992, and as Deputy Assistant Attorney General in the Criminal Division of the U.S. Department of Justice from 1993 to 1994. From 1994 until his appointment as U.S. Circuit Judge, Judge Garland served as Principal Associate Deputy Attorney General, where his responsibilities included supervision of the Oklahoma City bombing and UNABOM prosecutions. He has taught antitrust law at Harvard Law School and has served as co-chair of the administrative law section of the District of Columbia Bar.