

The Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals was created in 1891. Since that time forty-two judges have served on the Court. Eight of these judges were from Maryland.

- Bond, Hugh Lennox served on the Court from 1891-1893
- Motz, Diana Jane Gribbon has served on the Court from 1994-present
- Murnaghan, Francis Dominic, Jr. served on the Court from 1979-2000
- Niemeyer, Paul Victor has served on the Court from 1990-present
- Rose, John Carter served on the Court from 1922-1927
- Sobeloff, Simon E. served on the Court from 1956-1973
- Soper, Morris Ames served on the Court from 1932-1963
- Winter, Harrison Lee served on the Court from 1966-1990
 - He served as Chief Judge from 1981-1989

Number of judges matching the search criteria: 42 4th Circuit created 1891

Bell, J. Spencer NC
Bond, Hugh Lennox Baltimore, Maryland
Boreman, Herbert Stephenson WV
Bryan, Albert Vickers VA
Butzner, John Decker Jr. PA
Chapman, Robert Foster SC
Craven, James Braxton Jr. NC
Dobie, Armistead Mason VA
Ervin, Samuel James III NC
Field, John A. Jr. WV
Goff, Nathan born in VA - practiced in WV
Gregory, Roger L. PA
Hall, Kenneth Keller WV
Hamilton, Clyde H. SC
Haynsworth, Clement Furman Jr. SC
King, Robert Bruce WV
Knapp, Martin Augustine NY
Luttig, J. Michael born TX - practiced in DC
Michael, M. Blane born SC - practiced in WV
Motz, Diana Jane Gribbon born in DC, practiced in MD
Murnaghan, Francis Dominic Jr. MD (Baltimore)
Niemeyer, Paul Victor born in NJ - Practiced in MD
Northcott, Elliott WV
Parker, John Johnston NC
Phillips, James Dickson Jr. NC
Pritchard, Jeter Connelly born TN, practised in NC
Rose, John Carter MD
Russell, Donald Stuart born in MS, practiced in SC
Shedd, Dennis W. SC
Simonton, Charles Henry SC
Sneeden, Emory Marlin born in NC, practiced in DC
Sobeloff, Simon E. Baltimore, MD
Soper, Morris Ames Baltimore, MD
Sprouse, James Marshall WV
Traxler, William Byrd Jr. SC
Waddill, Edmund Jr. VA
Widener, Hiram Emory Jr. VA
Wilkins, William Walter SC
Wilkinson, James Harvie III born in NY, practised in VA
Williams, Karen J. SC
Winter, Harrison Lee Baltimore, MD
Woods, Charles Albert SC

Courts of the Federal Judiciary

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit

Legislative history

March 3, 1891 26 Stat. 826	Congress established U.S. circuit courts of appeals for each of the nine judicial circuits and assigned the sitting judge of the U.S. Circuit Court for the Fourth Circuit to sit also on the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit, effective June 16, 1891. The act also authorized an additional judgeship for the Fourth Circuit's new court.
September 14, 1922 42 Stat. 837	One additional judgeship authorized for the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit.
May 19, 1961 75 Stat. 80	Two additional judgeships authorized for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit.
March 18, 1966 80 Stat. 75	Two additional judgeships authorized for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit.
October 20, 1978 92 Stat. 1629	Three additional judgeships authorized for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit.
July 10, 1984 98 Stat. 333	One additional judgeship authorized for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit.
December 1, 1990 104 Stat. 5089	Four additional judgeships authorized for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit.

Authorized Judgeships

1891	2
1922	3
1961	5
1966	7
1978	10
1984	11
1990	15

Bond, Hugh Lennox

Born December 16, 1828, in Baltimore, MD
Died October 24, 1893, in Baltimore, MD

Federal Judicial Service:

U. S. Circuit Courts for the Fourth Circuit

Nominated by Ulysses Grant on April 6, 1870, to a new seat created by 16 Stat. 44; Confirmed by the Senate on July 13, 1870, and received commission on July 13, 1870. Service terminated on June 16, 1891, due to assignment to another court.

U. S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit

Reassigned June 16, 1891; Service terminated on October 24, 1893, due to death.

Education:

University of the City of New York, 1848

Read law, 1851

Professional Career:

Private practice, Baltimore, Maryland, 1851-1860

Judge, Criminal Court of Maryland, Annapolis, Maryland, 1860-1867

Private practice, Baltimore, Maryland, 1867-1870

Race or Ethnicity: White

Gender: Male

Manuscript sources

Bibliography

Motz, Diana Jane Gribbon

Born 1943 in Washington, DC

Federal Judicial Service:

U. S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit

Nominated by William J. Clinton on January 27, 1994, to a new seat created by 104 Stat. 5089;

Confirmed by the Senate on June 15, 1994, and received commission on June 16, 1994.

Education:

Vassar College, B.A., 1965

University of Virginia School of Law, J.D., 1968

Professional Career:

Private practice, Baltimore, Maryland, 1968-1971, 1986-1991

Assistant state attorney general, Maryland, 1972-1986

Chief of litigation, 1982-1986

Associate judge, Court of Special Appeals of Maryland, 1991-1994

Race or Ethnicity: White

Gender: Female

Murnaghan, Francis Dominic Jr.

Born June 20, 1920, in Baltimore, MD
Died August 31, 2000, in Baltimore, MD

Federal Judicial Service:

U. S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit

Nominated by Jimmy Carter on May 8, 1979, to a new seat created by 92 Stat. 1629; Confirmed by the Senate on July 12, 1979, and received commission on July 13, 1979. Service terminated on August 31, 2000, due to death.

Education:

Johns Hopkins University, A.B., 1941

Harvard Law School, LL.B., 1948

Professional Career:

U.S. Naval Reserve Lieutenant, 1942-1946

Private practice, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 1948-1950

Staff attorney, U.S. Department of State, High Commission on Germany, Frankfurt am Main, West Germany, 1950-1952

Assistant state attorney general, Maryland, 1952-1954

Private practice, Baltimore, Maryland, 1954-1979

Race or Ethnicity: White

Gender: Male

Niemeyer, Paul Victor

Born 1941 in Princeton, NJ

Federal Judicial Service:

U. S. District Court, District of Maryland

Nominated by Ronald Reagan on September 11, 1987, to a seat vacated by Frank A. Kaufman;

Confirmed by the Senate on February 19, 1988, and received commission on February 22, 1988.

Service terminated on August 10, 1990, due to appointment to another judicial position.

U. S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit

Nominated by George Bush on May 11, 1990, to a seat vacated by Harrison Lee Winter;

Confirmed by the Senate on August 3, 1990, and received commission on August 7, 1990.

Education:

Kenyon College, A.B., 1962

Notre Dame Law School, J.D., 1966

Professional Career:

Private practice, Baltimore, Maryland, 1966-1988

Race or Ethnicity: White

Gender: Male

Rose, John Carter

Born April 27, 1861, in Baltimore, MD
Died March 26, 1927, in Atlantic City, NJ

Federal Judicial Service:

U. S. District Court, District of Maryland

Nominated by William H. Taft on March 25, 1910, to a new seat created by 36 Stat. 201;
Confirmed by the Senate on April 4, 1910, and received commission on April 4, 1910. Service
terminated on December 26, 1922, due to appointment to another judicial position.

U. S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit

Nominated by Warren G. Harding on December 9, 1922, to a new seat created by 42 Stat. 837,
840; Confirmed by the Senate on December 20, 1922, and received commission on December 20,
1922. Service terminated on March 26, 1927, due to death.

Education:

University of Maryland School of Law, LL.B., 1882

Professional Career:

Private practice, Baltimore, Maryland, 1882-

Editorial writer, Baltimore Sun, 1882-

Supervisor of the census, Baltimore, Maryland, 1890

U.S. Attorney for the District of Maryland, 1898-1910

Race or Ethnicity: White

Gender: Male

Manuscript sources

Bibliography

Sobeloff, Simon E.

Born December 3, 1894, in Baltimore, MD

Died July 11, 1973, in Baltimore, MD

Federal Judicial Service:

U. S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit

Nominated by Dwight D. Eisenhower on January 12, 1956, to a seat vacated by Morris Ames Soper; Confirmed by the Senate on July 16, 1956, and received commission on July 18, 1956.

Served as chief judge, 1958-1964. Assumed senior status on December 31, 1970. Service terminated on July 11, 1973, due to death.

Education:

University of Maryland School of Law, LL.B., 1915

Professional Career:

Private practice, Baltimore, Maryland, 1914-1919

Assistant city solicitor, Baltimore, Maryland, 1919-1923

Private practice, Baltimore, Maryland, 1923-1927

Deputy city solicitor, Baltimore, Maryland, 1927-1930

U.S. Attorney for the District of Maryland, 1931-1934

Private practice, Baltimore, Maryland, 1934-1943

City solicitor, Baltimore, Maryland, 1943-1947

Private practice, Baltimore, Maryland, 1947-1952

Chairman, Commission on the Administrative Organization of the State of Maryland, 1951-1952

Chief judge, Maryland Court of Appeals, 1952-1954

Solicitor General of the United States, 1954-1956

Race or Ethnicity: White

Gender: Male

Manuscript sources

Oral History

Bibliography

Soper, Morris Ames

Born January 23, 1873, in Baltimore, MD
Died March 11, 1963

Federal Judicial Service:

U. S. District Court, District of Maryland

Nominated by Warren G. Harding on February 10, 1923, to a seat vacated by John C. Rose;

Confirmed by the Senate on February 24, 1923, and received commission on February 24, 1923.

Service terminated on May 9, 1931, due to appointment to another judicial position.

U. S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit

Received a recess appointment from Herbert Hoover on May 6, 1931, to a seat vacated by

Edmund Waddill, Jr.; nominated on December 15, 1931; Confirmed by the Senate on January 12,

1932, and received commission on January 19, 1932. Assumed senior status on June 2, 1955.

Service terminated on March 11, 1963, due to death.

Education:

Johns Hopkins University, A.B., 1893

University of Maryland School of Law, LL.B., 1895

Professional Career:

Assistant state's attorney, Baltimore City, 1897-1899

Assistant U.S. attorney, District of Maryland, 1900-1909

Private practice, Maryland, 1909-1914

President, Board of Police Commissioners, Baltimore City, 1912-1913

Chief judge, Supreme Bench of Baltimore, 1914-1921

Private practice, Maryland, 1921-1923

Race or Ethnicity: White

Gender: Male

Manuscript sources

Bibliography

Winter, Harrison Lee

Born April 18, 1921, in Baltimore, MD
Died April 10, 1990, in Baltimore, MD

Federal Judicial Service:

U. S. District Court, District of Maryland

Received a recess appointment from John F. Kennedy on November 9, 1961, to a new seat created by 75 Stat. 80; nominated on January 15, 1962; Confirmed by the Senate on February 7, 1962, and received commission on February 17, 1962. Service terminated on June 27, 1966, due to appointment to another judicial position.

U. S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit

Nominated by Lyndon B. Johnson on June 13, 1966, to a new seat created by 80 Stat. 75; Confirmed by the Senate on June 24, 1966, and received commission on June 24, 1966. Served as chief judge, 1981-1989. Assumed senior status on January 1, 1990. Service terminated on April 10, 1990, due to death.

Education:

Johns Hopkins University, A.B., 1942

University of Maryland School of Law, LL.B., 1944

Professional Career:

Private practice, Baltimore, Maryland, 1945-1959

Assistant attorney general, State of Maryland, 1948-1951

Deputy attorney general, State of Maryland, 1954-1955

City solicitor, Baltimore, Maryland, 1959-1961

Race or Ethnicity: White

Gender: Male

Manuscript sources

Oral History

Bibliography