

STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE FEDERAL JUDICIARY

RATINGS OF ARTICLE III AND ARTICLE IV JUDICIAL NOMINEES

115TH CONGRESS

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Key to ABA Rating

WQ = Well Qualified; Q = Qualified; NQ = Not Qualified; sm = substantial majority; m = majority; min = minority.

Unanimous ratings appear as a single rating. In other situations, the rating from the majority (eight to nine members) or substantial majority (ten to thirteen members) of the Standing Committee is recorded first, followed by the rating or ratings of a minority of the Standing Committee. **In all circumstances, the majority rating is the official rating of the ABA Standing Committee on the Federal Judiciary.**

FIRST SESSION

DATE NOMINATED	NAME OF NOMINEE	COURT TO WHICH NOMINATED	ABA RATING
02/01/17	Gorsuch, Neil M.	Associate Justice of the Supreme Court	WQ
03/21/17	Thapar, Amul R.	Sixth Circuit	WQ
5/8/2017	Barrett, Amy Coney	Seventh Circuit	WQ ^m /Q ^{min}
5/8/2017	Bush, John Kenneth	Sixth Circuit	Q
5/8/2017	Larsen, Joan Louise	Sixth Circuit	WQ
5/8/2017	Newsom, Kevin Christopher	Eleventh Circuit	WQ
5/8/2017	Nye, David C.	USDC: District of Idaho	WQ
5/8/2017	Palk, Scott L.	USDC: Western District of Oklahoma	Q
5/8/2017 (*1/8/18)	Stras, David Ryan	Eighth Circuit	WQ
6/7/2017	Eid, Allison H.	Tenth Circuit	WQ sm /Q ^{min}
6/7/2017	Erickson, Ralph R.	Eighth Circuit	WQ sm /Q ^{min}
6/7/2017	Friedrich, Dabney L.	USDC: District of Columbia	WQ sm /Q ^{min}
6/7/2017	Kelly, Timothy J.	USDC: District of Columbia	WQ

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6/7/2017	McFadden, Trevor N.	USDC: District of Columbia	Q ^m /NQ ^{min}
6/12/2017	Boom, Claria Horn	USDC: Eastern and Western District of Kentucky	Q sm /NQ ^{min}
6/19/2017	Bibas, Stephanos	Third Circuit	WQ
7/13/17	Brown, Michael Lawrence	USDC: Northern District of Georgia	WQ sm /Q ^{min}
7/13/17	Campbell Jr., William L.	USDC: Middle District of Tennessee	WQ
7/13/17 (*1/8/18)	Farr, Thomas Alvin	USDC: Eastern District of North Carolina	WQ 1 abstention
7/13/17 (*1/8/18)	Goodwin, Charles Barnes	USDC: Western District of Oklahoma	NQ^m/Q^{min} 1 abstention
7/13/17 (*1/8/18)	Norris, Mark S. Sr.	USDC: Western District of Tennessee	Q sm /NQ ^{min} Chair recusal
7/13/17	Parker, Thomas Lee Robinson	USDC: Western District of Tennessee	WQ
7/13/17 (*1/8/18)	Ray, William M., II	USDC: Northern District of Georgia	WQ ^m /Q ^{min}
7/13/17 (*1/8/18)	Richardson, Eli J.	USDC: Middle District of Tennessee	WQ sm /Q ^{min}
7/13/17	Self, Tilman Eugene, III	USDC: Middle District of Georgia	WQ
7/19/2017 (*1/8/18)	Axon, Annemarie Carney	USDC: Northern District of Alabama	Q sm /NQ ^{min}
7/19/2017 (*1/8/18)	Burke, Liles Clifton	USDC: Northern District of Alabama	Q sm /NQ ^{min} 1 abstention
8/3/2017 (*1/8/18)	Brennan, Michael B.	Seventh Circuit	WQ 1 abstention
8/3/2017	Coggins Jr., Donald C.	USDC: District of South Carolina	WQ
8/3/2017	Doughty, Terry A.	USDC: Western District of Louisiana	WQ sm /Q ^{min} 1 abstention
8/3/2017	Grasz, Leonard Steven	Eighth Circuit	NQ 1 abstention
8/3/2017 (*1/8/18)	Juneau, Michael Joseph	USDC: Western District of Louisiana	Q sm /WQ ^{min}
8/3/2017	Quattlebaum Jr., Marvin	USDC: District of South Carolina	WQ 1 abstention
8/3/2017 (*1/8/18)	Teeter, Holly Lou	USDC: District of Kansas	NQsm/Q^{min}
8/3/2017	Wier, Robert Earl	USDC: Eastern District of Kentucky	WQ

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9/7/2017 (*1/8/18)	Bounds, Ryan Wesley	Ninth Circuit	Q
9/7/2017 (*1/8/18)	Branch, Elizabeth L.	Eleventh Circuit	WQ
9/7/2017 (*1/8/18)	Katsas, Gregory G.	DC Circuit	WQ
9/7/2017	Baker, R. Stan	USDC: Southern District of Georgia	WQ
9/7/2017 (*1/8/18)	Beaverstock, Jeffrey Uhlman	USDC: Southern District of Alabama	Q 1 abstention
9/7/2017	Broomes, John W.	USDC: District of Kansas	Q
9/7/2017	Jennings, Rebecca Grady	USDC: Western District of Kentucky	Q
9/7/2017 (*1/8/18)	Kacsmayk, Matthew J.	USDC: Northern District of Texas	Q
9/7/2017 (*1/8/18)	Marks, Emily Coody	USDC: Middle District of Alabama	Q
9/7/2017	Mateer, Jeff	USDC: Eastern District of Texas	Qsm/NQ^{min}
9/7/2017 (*1/8/18)	Moorer, Terry F.	USDC: Southern District of Alabama	Q
9/7/2017	Rodriguez Jr., Fernando	USDC: Southern District of Texas	Q
9/7/2017	Scholer, Karen Gren	USDC: Northern District of Texas	WQsm/Q^{min}
9/7/2017	Talley, Brett Joseph	USDC: Middle District of Alabama	<u>NQ</u>
9/11/2017	Counts, Walter David III	USDC: Western District of Texas	WQ
9/11/2017	Petersen, Matthew Spencer	USDC: District of Columbia	Q
9/28/2017	Nielson, Howard C. Jr	USDC: District of Utah	Qsm/NQ^{min}
10/2/2017 (*1/8/18)	Ashe, Barry W.	USDC: Eastern District of Louisiana	WQ
10/2/2017 (*1/8/18)	Domenico, Daniel Desmond	USDC: District of Colorado	Q
10/2/2017 (*1/8/18)	Duncan, Stuart Kyle	Fifth Circuit	WQsm/Q^{min}
10/3/2017	Willett, Don R.	Fifth Circuit	WQ
10/5/2017 (*1/8/18)	Engelhardt, Kurt D.	Fifth Circuit	WQ
10/16/2017 (*1/8/18)	Ho, James C.	Fifth Circuit	WQsm/Q^{min}

DATE NOMINATED	NAME OF NOMINEE	COURT TO WHICH NOMINATED	ABA RATING
11/1/17	Sweeney, James R., II	USDC: Southern District of Indiana	WQ
12/20/17	Baxter, Susan Paradise	USDC: Western District of Pennsylvania	WQ
12/20/17	Carson III, Joel M. (NM)	Tenth Circuit	WQsm/Q^{min}
12/20/17	Connolly, Colm F.	USDC: District of Delaware	WQ
12/20/17	Dooley, Kari A.	USDC: District of Connecticut	WQ
12/20/17	Giampietro, Gordon P.	USDC: Eastern District of Wisconsin	Qsm/NQ^{min}
12/20/17	Horan, Marilyn Jean	USDC: Western District of Pennsylvania	WQ
12/20/17	Kenney, Chad F.	USDC: Eastern District of Pennsylvania	WQsm/Q^{min}
12/20/17	Noreika, Maryellen	USDC: District of Delaware	Qsm/WQ^{min}
12/21/17	Jung, William F.	USDC: Middle District of Florida	WQ
12/21/17	Otake, Jill Alko	USDC: District of Hawaii	WQ

SECOND SESSION

DATE NOMINATED	NAME OF NOMINEE	COURT TO WHICH NOMINATED	ABA RATING
1/24/18	Barker, J. Campbell	USDC: Eastern District of Texas	WQ^m/Q^{min}
1/24/18	Kernodle, Jeremy D.	USDC: Eastern District of Texas	Q
1/24/18	Truncale, Michael J.	USDC: Eastern District of Texas	WQ
1/24/18	Vitter, Wendy	USDC: Eastern District of Louisiana	Qsm/NQ^{min}
1/24/18	Albright, Alan D.	USDC: Western District of Texas	WQ
1/24/18	Brnovich, Susan	USDC: District of Arizona	WQ
1/24/18	Lanza, Dominic W.	USDC: District of Arizona	WQ
1/24/18	Nalbandian, John B.	Sixth Circuit	WQ
1/24/18	Summerhays, Robert R.	USDC: Western District of Louisiana	WQ

2/15/18	Bennett, Mark Jeremy	Ninth Circuit	WQsm/Q^{min}
2/15/18	Brasel, Nancy E.	USDC: District of Minnesota	WQ
2/15/18	Kleeh, Thomas S.	USDC: Northern District of West Virginia	Q
2/15/18	Oldham, Andrew S.	Fifth Circuit	WQ
2/15/18	Phipps, Peter J.	USDC: Western District of Pennsylvania	Q^m/WQ^{min}
2/15/18	Scudder, Michael J.	Seventh Circuit	WQ
2/15/18	Eve, Amy J. St.	Seventh Circuit	WQ
2/15/18	Tostrud, Eric C.	USDC: District of Minnesota	WQ^m/Q^{min}
2/15/18	Williams, Charles J.	USDC: Northern District of Iowa	WQ
4/10/18	Berger, Wendy Williams	USDC: Middle District of Florida	Q^m/WQ^{min} 1 abstention
4/10/18	Brady, Holly A.	USDC: Northern District of Indiana	Q
4/10/18	Brasher, Andrew Lynn	USDC: Middle District of Alabama	Qsm/WQ^{min}
4/10/18	Grant, Britt Cagle	Eleventh Circuit	Q
4/10/18	O'Connor, John M.	USDC: Northern, Eastern and Western Districts of Oklahoma	<u>NQ</u>
4/10/18	Walker, Lance E.	USDC: District of Maine	Q
4/10/18	Winsor, Allen Cothrel	USDC: Northern District of Florida	WQsm/Q^{min} 1 abstention
4/10/18	Wyrick, Patrick R.	USDC: Western District of Oklahoma	Q^m/NQ^{min} 1 abstention
4/12/18	Arias-Marxuach, Raul M.	USDC: District of Puerto Rico	WQ
4/12/18	Barker, Pamela A.	USDC: Northern District of Ohio	WQ 1 abstention
4/12/18	Bell, Kenneth D.	USDC: Western District of North Carolina	WQ^m/Q^{min}
4/12/18	R. Clark Sr., Stephen	USDC: Eastern District of Missouri	WQsm/Q^{min}
4/12/18	Hanlon, James Patrick	USDC: Southern District of Indiana	WQ
4/12/18	Katchen, Jonathan W.	USDC: District of Alaska	
4/12/18	Matey, Paul B.	Third Circuit	Q^m/NQ^{min}

4/12/18	McElroy, Mary S.	USDC: District of Rhode Island	Q
4/12/18	Morales, David Stephen	USDC: Southern District of Texas	WQ
4/12/18	Morrison, Sarah Daggett	USDC: Southern District of Ohio	Q^m/WQ^{min}
4/12/18	Porter, David James	Third Circuit	Q
5/7/18	Altman, Roy Kalman	USDC: Southern District of Florida	Q^m/WQ^{min}
5/7/18	Barber, Thomas P.	USDC: Middle District of Florida	WQ
5/7/18	Quattlebaum Jr., Marvin,	Fourth Circuit	WQ
5/7/18	Richardson, Julius Ness	Fourth Circuit	WQ
5/7/18	Ruiz, Rodolfo Armando II	USDC: Southern District of Florida	WQ
5/7/18	Smith, Rodney	USDC: Southern District of Florida	Q
5/7/18	Sullivan, Richard J.	Second Circuit	WQsm/Q^{min}
5/7/18	Wetherell, T. Kent II	USDC: Northern District of Florida	WQ 2 abstentions
5/15/18	Brown, Gary Richard	USDC: Eastern District of New York	WQ
5/15/18	Gujarati, Diane	USDC: Eastern District of New York	WQ
5/15/18	Komitee, Eric Ross	USDC: Eastern District of New York	WQ
5/15/18	Kovner, Rachel P.	USDC: Eastern District of New York	Qsm/WQ^{min}
5/15/18	Liman, Lewis J.	USDC: Southern District of New York	WQ
5/15/18	Maze, Corey Landon	USDC: Northern District of Alabama	WQ
5/15/18	Nelson, Ryan Douglas	Ninth Circuit	Q
5/15/18	Sinatra Jr., John L.	USDC: Western District of New York	Q
5/15/18	Vyskocil, Mary Kay	USDC: Southern District of New York	WQ
5/15/18	Wolson, Joshua	USDC: Eastern District of Pennsylvania	Qsm/WQ^{min}
6/11/18	Gallagher, Stephanie A.	USDC: District of Maryland	WQ
6/11/18	Immergut, Karin J.	USDC: District of Oregon	WQ

6/11/18	Kobes, Jonathan A.	Eighth Circuit	NQsm/Q^{min}
6/11/18	Pacold, Martha Maria	USDC: Northern District of Illinois	Q
6/18/18	Alston Jr., Rossie David	USDC: Eastern District of Virginia	Q ^m /WQ ^{min}
6/18/18	Baker, M. Miller	US Court of International Trade	Q
6/18/18	Murphy, Eric E.	Sixth Circuit	Q sm /WQ ^{min}
6/18/18	Nichols, Carl J.	USDC: District of Columbia	WQ
6/18/18	Readler, Chad A.	Sixth Circuit	WQ sm /Q ^{min}
6/18/18	Reif, Timothy M.	US Court of International Trade	WQ
6/18/18	Rowland, Mary M.	USDC: Northern District of Illinois	WQ
6/18/18	Seeger, Steven C.	USDC: Northern District of Illinois	WQ
7/10/18	Kavanaugh, Brett M.	Associate Justice of the Supreme Court	WQ
7/17/18	Leichty, Damon Ray	USDC: Northern District of Indiana	WQ sm /Q ^{min}
7/17/18	Younge, John Milton	USDC: Eastern District of Pennsylvania	Q sm /NQ ^{min}
7/19/18	Miller, Eric D.	Ninth Circuit	WQ
7/24/18	Ranjan, J. Nicholas	USDC: Western District of Pennsylvania	WQ sm /Q ^{min}
8/27/18	Bade, Bridget S.	Ninth Circuit	WQ
8/27/18	Rushing, Allison Jones	Fourth Circuit	Q sm /WQ ^{min}
8/28/18	Boulee, Jean-Paul	USDC: Northern District of Georgia	WQ
8/28/18	Cain, James David Jr.	USDC: Western District of Louisiana	WQ sm /Q ^{min} 1 abstention
11/13/18	Bianco, Joseph F.	Second Circuit	WQ
11/13/18	Blumenfeld, Stanley	USDC: Central District of California	
11/13/18	Buescher, Brian C.	USDC: District of Nebraska	Q sm /WQ ^{min}
11/13/18	Bumatay, Patrick J.	Ninth Circuit	
11/13/18	Collins, Daniel P.	Ninth Circuit	
11/13/18	Corker, Clifton L.	USDC: Eastern District of Tennessee	WQ
11/13/18	Halpern, Philip M.	USDC: Southern District of New York	

11/13/18	Lee, Kenneth Kiyul	Ninth Circuit	
11/13/18	Marcelle, Thomas	USDC: Northern District of New York	
11/13/18	McFarland, Matthew Walden	USDC: Southern District of Ohio	
11/13/18	Park, Michael H.	Second Circuit	WQ^m/Q^{min}
11/13/18	Rosen, Jeremy B.	USDC: Central District of California	
11/13/18	Scarsi, Mark C.	USDC: Central District of California	
11/14/18	Rao, Neomi J.	DC Circuit	

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* Indicates date of renomination during this Congress.

NOTES

1. On December 29, 2017, Congress returned 24 of the 50 pending nominations. On January 8, 2018, President Trump renominated 21 of the returned nominees except Brett Talley, Matthew Petersen and Jeff Mateer. Their renomination date appears in parentheses under their original entries on the chart.