

# RATINGS OF ARTICLE III JUDICIAL NOMINEES

## 112<sup>TH</sup> 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 committee ratings appear as a single rating. In other situations, the rating from the majority or substantial majority (constituting ten to thirteen votes) 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
1/5/11	Reyna, Jimmie V. (MD)	Federal Circuit	WQ
1/5/11	Nourse, Victoria Frances (WI)	Seventh Circuit	WQ
1/5/11	Liu, Goodwin (CA)	Ninth Circuit	WQ
1/5/11	Graves, James Earl Jr. (MS)	Fifth Circuit	Q (1 abstention)
1/5/11	Halligan, Caitlin Joan (NY)	DC Circuit	WQ
1/5/11	DuMont, Edward Carroll (DC)	Federal Circuit	WQ
1/5/11	Donald, Bernice Bouie (TN)	Sixth Circuit	WQ <sup>sm</sup> /Q <sup>min</sup>
1/5/11	Carney, Susan Laura (CT)	Second Circuit	Q <sup>sm</sup> /NQ <sup>min</sup>
1/5/11	Allen, Arenda Laurretta Wright	USDC: Eastern District of Virginia	Q <sup>sm</sup> /WQ <sup>min</sup>
1/5/11	Battaglia, Anthony Joseph	USDC: Southern District of California	WQ
1/5/11	Bissoon, Cathy	USDC: Western District of Pennsylvania	Q
1/5/11	Boasberg, James Emanuel	USDC: District of District of Columbia	WQ
1/5/11	Briccetti, Vincent L.	USDC: Southern District of New York	WQ (1 recusal)
1/5/11	Butler, Louis Bennett Jr.	USDC: Western District of Wisconsin	WQ
1/5/11	Cecchi, Claire	USDC: District of New Jersey	Q <sup>m</sup> /WQ <sup>min</sup>

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1/5/11	Chen, Edward Milton	USDC: Northern District of California	<b>WQ</b>
1/5/11	Cogburn, Max Oliver Jr.	USDC: Western District of North Carolina	<b>WQ<sup>m</sup>/Q<sup>min</sup></b> (1 abstention)
1/5/11	D'Agostino, Mae Avila	USDC: Northern District of New York	<b>WQ</b> (1 abstention)
1/5/11	Dalton, Roy Bale Jr.	USDC: Middle District of Florida	<b>WQ<sup>sm</sup>/Q<sup>min</sup></b>
1/5/11	Darrow, Sara Lynn	USDC: Central District of Illinois	<b>Q</b>
1/5/11	Davila, Edward John	USDC: Northern District of California	<b>Q<sup>sm</sup>/NQ<sup>min</sup></b>
1/5/11	Day, Charles Bernard	USDC: District of Maryland	<b>WQ</b>
1/5/11	Hernandez, Marco Antonio	USDC: District of Oregon	<b>Q</b> (1 abstention)
1/5/11	Holmes, Paul K. III	USDC: Western District of Arkansas	<b>WQ</b>
1/5/11	Hornak, Mark Raymond	USDC: Western District of Pennsylvania	<b>WQ</b>
1/5/11	Jackson, Amy Berman	USDC: District of District of Columbia	<b>WQ</b>
1/5/11	Jackson, Richard Brooke	USDC: District of Colorado	<b>WQ</b>
1/5/11	Jones, Steve C.	USDC: Northern District of Georgia	<b>WQ</b>
1/5/11	Kronstadt, John A.	USDC: Central District of California	<b>Q<sup>sm</sup>/WQ<sup>min</sup></b> (1 abstention)
1/5/11	Mariani, Robert David	USDC: Middle District of Pennsylvania	<b>WQ</b>
1/5/11	Marmolejo, Marina Garcia	USDC: Southern District of Texas	<b>Q</b>
1/5/11	McConnell, John J. Jr.	USDC: District of Rhode Island	<b>Q<sup>sm</sup>/NQ<sup>min</sup></b> (3 abstention)
1/5/11	Myerscough, Sue Ellen	USDC: Central District of Illinois	<b>Q</b>
1/5/11	Ross, John Andrew	USDC: Eastern District of Missouri	<b>WQ</b>
1/5/11	Salas, Esther	USDC: District of New Jersey	<b>WQ</b> (1 recusal)
1/5/11	Saldaña, Diana	USDC: Southern District of Texas	<b>WQ</b>
1/5/11	Shadid, James E.	USDC: Central District of Illinois	<b>Q<sup>sm</sup>/WQ<sup>min</sup></b>
1/5/11	Sharp, Kevin Hunter	USDC: Middle District of Tennessee	<b>Q</b>

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1/5/11	Simon, Michael Howard	USDC: District of Oregon	WQ <sup>m</sup> /Q <sup>min</sup> (1 abstention)
1/5/11	Totenberg, Amy Mil	USDC: Northern District of Georgia	WQ (1 abstention)
1/5/11	Urbanski, Michael Francis	USDC: Western District of Virginia	WQ
1/5/11	Williams, Kathleen Mary	USDC: Southern District of Florida	WQ <sup>sm</sup> /Q <sup>min</sup>
1/26/11	<b>Floyd, Henry F. (SC)</b>	<b>Fourth Circuit</b>	WQ
1/26/11	Green, Michael Charles	USDC: Western District of New York	Q <sup>m</sup> /NQ <sup>min</sup>
1/26/11	Oetken, James Paul	USDC: Southern District of New York	Q
1/26/11	Ramos, Nelva Gonzales	USDC: Southern District of Texas	Q <sup>sm</sup> /WQ <sup>min</sup>
1/26/11	Silas, Natasha Perdew	USDC: Northern District of Georgia	Q <sup>sm</sup> /NQ <sup>min</sup>
1/26/11	Walker, Linda T.	USDC: Northern District of Georgia	WQ <sup>sm</sup> /Q <sup>min</sup>
1/26/11	Manglona, Ramona V.	USDC: District of the Northern Mariana Islands	Q
2/2/11	Engelmayer, Paul A.	USDC: Southern District of New York	WQ (1 recusal)
2/2/11	Mikkanen, Arvo	USDC: Northern District of Oklahoma	Q
2/16/11	Cain, Timothy Martin	USDC: District of South Carolina	Q
2/16/11	Skavdahl, Scott W.	USDC: District of Wyoming	WQ
3/2/11	Brown, Nannette Jolivette	USDC: Eastern District of Louisiana	Q
3/2/11	Torresen, Nancy	USDC: District of Maine	WQ
3/2/11	Lewis, Wilma A.	USDC: District Court of the Virgin Islands	WQ
3/9/11	Kuntz, William Francis II	USDC: Eastern District of New York	WQ
3/9/11	<b>Six, Stephen N.</b>	<b>Tenth Circuit</b>	WQ
3/16/11	Lewis, Mary G.	USDC: District of South Carolina	Q
3/16/11	Triche-Milazzo, Jane	USDC: Eastern District of Louisiana	Q

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3/31/11	Nathan, Alison J,	USDC: Southern District of New York	Q <sup>m</sup> /NQ <sup>min</sup> (1 recusal)
4/6/11	Hickey, Susan Owens	USDC: Western District of Arkansas	Q
4/6/11	Gleason, Sharon L.	USDC: District of Alaska	WQ
5/4/11	Christensen, Dana L.	USDC: District of Montana	WQ
5/4/11	<b>Droney, Christopher</b>	<b>Second Circuit</b>	WQ
5/4/11	Forrest, Katherine B.	USDC: Southern District of New York	WQ (1 recusal)
5/4/11	Gerrard, John M.	USDC: District of Nebraska	WQ
5/4/11	Ramos, Edgardo	USDC: Southern District of New York	WQ (1 recusal)
5/4/11	Scola, Robert N. Jr.	USDC: Southern District of Florida	WQ (1 recusal)
5/4/11	Rogers, Yvonne Gonzalez	USDC: Northern District of California	Q
5/9/11	<b>Higginson, Stephen A. (LA)</b>	<b>Fifth Circuit</b>	WQ
5/11/11	Andrews, Richard G.	USDC: District of Delaware	WQ <sup>sm</sup> /Q <sup>min</sup>
5/11/11	Bencivengo, Cathy Ann	USDC: Southern District of California	WQ
5/11/11	Helmick, Jeffrey J.	USDC: Northern District of Ohio	WQ <sup>sm</sup> /Q <sup>min</sup>
5/18/11	<b>Christen, Morgan (AK)</b>	<b>Ninth Circuit</b>	WQ
5/19/11	Carter, Andrew L. Jr.	USDC: Southern District of New York	Q (1 recusal)
5/19/11	Gilstrap, James Rodney	USDC: Eastern District of Texas	Q
5/19/11	Groh, Gina Marie	USDC: Northern District of West Virginia	Q
6/7/11	Brodie, Margo Kitsy	USDC: Eastern District of New York	Q <sup>m</sup> /WQ <sup>min</sup>
6/7/11	Furman, Jesse M.	USDC: Southern District of New York	Q <sup>m</sup> /WQ <sup>min</sup> (1 recusal)
6/7/11	Morgan, Donna Sue "Susie"	USDC: Eastern District of Louisiana	Q
6/7/11	Phillips, Mary Elizabeth	USDC: Western District of Missouri	WQ

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6/23/11	Zipps, Jennifer Guerin	USDC: District of Arizona	WQ
6/23/11	Márquez, Rosemary	USDC: District of Arizona	Q
6/29/11	Nuffer, David	USDC: District of Utah	WQ
6/29/11	Rice, Thomas Owen	USDC: Eastern District of Washington	Q <sup>sm</sup> /NQ <sup>min</sup>
7/20/11	Fitzgerald, Michael Walter	USDC: Central District of California	WQ
7/28/11	Abrams, Ronnie	USDC: Southern District of New York	Q <sup>m</sup> /WQ <sup>min</sup>
7/28/11	Contreras, Rudolph	USDC: District of Columbia	Q <sup>m</sup> /WQ <sup>min</sup>
7/28/11	<b>Wallach, Evan (NY)</b>	<b>Federal Circuit</b>	WQ
8/2/11	Du, Miranda	USDC: District of Nevada	Q <sup>sm</sup> /NQ <sup>min</sup>
8/2/11	<b>Jordán, Adalberto José (FL)</b>	<b>Eleventh Circuit</b>	WQ
9/8/11	<b>Thacker, Stephanie (WV)</b>	<b>Fourth Circuit</b>	WQ <sup>sm</sup> /Q <sup>min</sup>
9/8/11	Costa, Gregg J.	USDC: Southern District of Texas	WQ
9/15/11	Guaderrama, David	USDC: Western District of Texas	WQ <sup>sm</sup> /Q <sup>min</sup>
9/23/11	<b>Nguyen, Jacqueline H. (CA)</b>	<b>Ninth Circuit</b>	Q
9/23/11	Wimes, Brian C.	USDC: Eastern and Western Districts of Missouri	Q
10/5/11	<b>Shwartz, Patty (NJ)</b>	<b>Third Circuit</b>	WQ
10/17/11	<b>Watford, Paul J. (CA)</b>	<b>Ninth Circuit</b>	WQ
11/2/11	Baker, Kristine G.	USDC: Eastern District of Arkansas	WQ <sup>sm</sup> /Q <sup>min</sup>
11/2/11	<b>Hurwitz, Andrew (AZ)</b>	<b>Ninth Circuit</b>	WQ
11/10/11	<b>Taranto, Richard G. (MD)</b>	<b>Federal Circuit</b>	WQ
11/10/11	Curiel, Gonzalo P.	USDC: Southern District of California	WQ <sup>sm</sup> /Q <sup>min</sup>
11/10/11	Lee, John Z.	USDC: Northern District of Illinois	Q <sup>sm</sup> /NQ <sup>min</sup>

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11/10/11	Russell, George L. III	USDC: District of Maryland	Q <sup>sm</sup> /NQ <sup>min</sup>
11/10/11	Tharp, John J. Jr.	USDC: Northern District of Illinois	WQ
11/17/11	Drain, Gershwin	USDC: Eastern District of Michigan	Q
11/30/11	Hillman, Timothy S.	USDC: District of Massachusetts	WQ
11/30/11	Rosenbaum, Robin S.	USDC: Southern District of Florida	WQ
11/30/11	Shelby, Robert J.	USDC: District of Utah	Q
12/16/11	Fowlkes, John Thomas Jr.	USDC: Western District of Tennessee	WQ
12/16/11	McNulty, Kevin	USDC: District of New Jersey	WQ

## **SECOND SESSION**

1/23/12	<b>Bacharach, Robert E. (OK)</b>	<b>Tenth Circuit</b>	WQ
1/23/12	<b>Kayatta, William J. Jr. (ME)</b>	<b>First Circuit</b>	WQ
1/23/12	Shipp, Michael A.	USDC: District of New Jersey	Q <sup>sm</sup> /NQ <sup>min</sup>
2/2/12	Shea, Michael P.	USDC: District of Connecticut	Q
2/2/12	Rose, Stephanie M.	USDC: Southern District of Iowa	WQ
2/16/12	Cadish, Elissa F.	USDC: District of Nevada	Q
2/16/12	Grimm, Paul William	USDC: District of Maryland	WQ
2/16/12	<b>Pryor, Jill A. (GA)</b>	<b>Eleventh Circuit</b>	WQ
2/16/12	Walker, Mark E.	USDC: Northern District of Florida	WQ
2/29/12	Dowdell, John E.	USDC: Northern District of Oklahoma	WQ <sup>sm</sup> /Q <sup>min</sup>
2/29/12	Davis, Brian J.	USDC: Middle District of Florida	WQ
4/25/12	Berg, Terrence G.	USDC: Eastern District of Michigan	WQ <sup>sm</sup> /Q <sup>min</sup>
4/25/12	Bernal, Jesus G.	USDC: Central District of California	Q <sup>m</sup> /NQ <sup>min</sup>

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4/25/12	Deckert Dick, Shelly	USDC: Middle District of Louisiana	<b>Q<sup>sm</sup>/WQ<sup>min</sup></b>
4/25/12	Schofield, Lorna G.	USDC: Southern District of New York	<b>WQ (2 recusals)</b>
5/15/12	Geraci, Frank P.	USDC: Western District of New York	<b>WQ<sup>sm</sup>/Q<sup>min</sup></b>
5/15/12	Olguin, Fernando M.	USDC: Central District of California	<b>Q<sup>sm</sup>/NQ<sup>min</sup></b>
5/17/12	Brann, Matthew W.	USDC: Middle District of Pennsylvania	<b>Q</b>
5/17/12	Mannion, Malachy E.	USDC: Middle District of Pennsylvania	<b>WQ</b>
5/21/12	Durkin, Thomas M.	USDC: Northern District of Illinois	<b>WQ</b>