

# STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE FEDERAL JUDICIARY

## RATINGS OF ARTICLE III AND ARTICLE IV JUDICIAL NOMINEES

### 115<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 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 <sup>m</sup> /Q <sup>min</sup>
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 <sup>sm</sup> /Q <sup>min</sup>
6/7/2017	Erickson, Ralph R.	Eighth Circuit	WQ <sup>sm</sup> /Q <sup>min</sup>
6/7/2017	Friedrich, Dabney L.	USDC: District of Columbia	WQ <sup>sm</sup> /Q <sup>min</sup>
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 <sup>m</sup> /NQ <sup>min</sup>
6/12/2017	Boom, Claria Horn	USDC: Eastern and Western District of Kentucky	Q <sup>sm</sup> /NQ <sup>min</sup>
<b>6/19/2017</b>	<b>Bibas, Stephanos</b>	<b>Third Circuit</b>	<b>WQ</b>
7/13/17	Brown, Michael Lawrence	USDC: Northern District of Georgia	WQ <sup>sm</sup> /Q <sup>min</sup>
7/13/17	Campbell, William L. Jr.	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 <sup>m</sup> /Q <sup>min</sup> 1 abstention
7/13/17 (*1/8/18)	Norris, Mark S. Sr.	USDC: Western District of Tennessee	Q <sup>sm</sup> /NQ <sup>min</sup> 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 <sup>m</sup> /Q <sup>min</sup>
7/13/17 (*1/8/18)	Richardson, Eli J.	USDC: Middle District of Tennessee	WQ <sup>sm</sup> /Q <sup>min</sup>
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 <sup>sm</sup> /NQ <sup>min</sup>
7/19/2017 (*1/8/18)	Burke, Liles Clifton	USDC: Northern District of Alabama	Q <sup>sm</sup> /NQ <sup>min</sup> 1 abstention
<b>8/3/2017</b> (*1/8/18)	<b>Brennan, Michael B.</b>	<b>Seventh Circuit</b>	<b>WQ</b> 1 abstention
8/3/2017	Coggins, Donald C. Jr.	USDC: District of South Carolina	WQ
8/3/2017	Doughty, Terry A.	USDC: Western District of Louisiana	WQ <sup>sm</sup> /Q <sup>min</sup> 1 abstention
<b>8/3/2017</b>	<b>Grasz, Leonard Steven</b>	<b>Eighth Circuit</b>	<b>NQ</b> 1 abstention
8/3/2017 (*1/8/18)	Juneau, Michael Joseph	USDC: Western District of Louisiana	Q <sup>sm</sup> /WQ <sup>min</sup>
8/3/2017	Quattlebaum, Marvin Jr.	USDC: District of South Carolina	WQ 1 abstention
8/3/2017 (*1/8/18)	Teeter, Holly Lou	USDC: District of Kansas	NQ <sup>sm</sup> /Q <sup>min</sup>
8/3/2017	Wier, Robert Earl	USDC: Eastern District of Kentucky	WQ

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

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11/1/17	Sweeney, James R., II	USDC: Southern District of Indiana	<b>WQ</b>
12/20/17	Baxter, Susan Paradise	USDC: Western District of Pennsylvania	<b>WQ</b>
<b>12/20/17</b>	<b>Carson III, Joel M. (NM)</b>	<b>Tenth Circuit</b>	<b>WQ<sup>sm</sup>/Q<sup>min</sup></b>
12/20/17	Connolly, Colm F.	USDC: District of Delaware	<b>WQ</b>
12/20/17	Dooley, Kari A.	USDC: District of Connecticut	<b>WQ</b>
12/20/17	Giampietro, Gordon P.	USDC: Eastern District of Wisconsin	<b>Q<sup>sm</sup>/NQ<sup>min</sup></b>
12/20/17	Horan, Marilyn Jean	USDC: Western District of Pennsylvania	<b>WQ</b>
12/20/17	Kenney, Chad F.	USDC: Eastern District of Pennsylvania	<b>WQ<sup>sm</sup>/Q<sup>min</sup></b>
12/20/17	Noreika, Maryellen	USDC: District of Delaware	<b>Q<sup>sm</sup>/WQ<sup>min</sup></b>
12/21/17	Jung, William F.	USDC: Middle District of Florida	<b>WQ</b>
12/21/17	Otake, Jill Alko	USDC: District of Hawaii	<b>WQ</b>

## **SECOND SESSION**

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

<b>2/15/18</b>	<b>Bennett, Mark Jeremy</b>	<b>Ninth Circuit</b>	
2/15/18	Brasel, Nancy E.	USDC: District of Minnesota	
2/15/18	Kleeh, Thomas S.	USDC: Northern District of West Virginia	
<b>2/15/18</b>	<b>Oldham, Andrew S.</b>	<b>Fifth Circuit</b>	
2/15/18	Phipps, Peter J.	USDC: Western District of Pennsylvania	
<b>2/15/18</b>	<b>Scudder, Michael J.</b>	<b>Seventh Circuit</b>	<b>WQ</b>
<b>2/15/18</b>	<b>Eve, Amy J. St.</b>	<b>Seventh Circuit</b>	<b>WQ</b>
2/15/18	Tostrud, Eric C.	USDC: District of Minnesota	
2/15/18	Williams, Charles J.	USDC: Northern District of Iowa	<b>WQ</b>

**KEY**

\* 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.