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NEW JUDGE APPOINTED TO THE DISTRICT COURT

On September 19, 2023, the United States Senate confirmed Judge Vernon D. Oliver, a lifelong resident of Connecticut, as a United States District Judge for the District of Connecticut. He received his commission from President Joseph R. Biden, Jr. on October 18, 2023, and was sworn in by the Honorable Michael P. Shea, Chief U.S. District Judge, on October 19, 2023.

Judge Oliver is a 1994 graduate of the University of Connecticut and a 1997 graduate of the University of Connecticut School of Law. He began his legal career as an associate at Montstream & May LLP in Glastonbury, Connecticut where he practiced personal injury and insurance defense. From 1999-2004, he served as an Assistant State's Attorney in the Connecticut Division of Criminal Justice, and from 2004-2009, he served as an Assistant Attorney General in the Child Protection Bureau of the Office of the Attorney General. In January 2009, he was nominated by Governor M. Jodi Rell and confirmed as a Superior Court Judge for the State of Connecticut, presiding over both civil and criminal cases. Judge Oliver served as the Administrative Judge in the Middlesex Judicial District since 2020. While on the state bench, Judge Oliver chaired the Committee on Judicial Ethics and the State Wiretap Panel and served as a member of the Connecticut Sentencing Commission, Criminal Jury Instructions Committee, and Judicial Review Council.

Praising his appointment, Chief Judge Shea said, "Judge Oliver has spent most of his legal career serving the people of Connecticut in various capacities. He has demonstrated his dedication to upholding the rule of law, and he brings his intellect, breadth of experience, and commitment to public service to our federal bench. We are confident that he will continue to have a distinguished career in service to the people of Connecticut and look forward to welcoming him to the ranks of judicial officers in our District."

Judge Oliver's chambers are located in the Abraham A. Ribicoff Federal Building in Hartford. He fills the vacancy created by Judge Stefan R. Underhill, who assumed senior status in November 2022.

The District of Connecticut has eight authorized judgeships.

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