## THE HONORABLE CORINNE BECKWITH ASSOCIATE JUDGE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA COURT OF APPEALS

Corinne Beckwith was appointed to the District of Columbia Court of Appeals in 2011 by President Barack Obama.

Judge Beckwith was born in Grand Rapids, Michigan, and attended the public schools there. She received her bachelor's degree from Kalamazoo College, where she graduated with honors in English in 1985. After receiving her master's degree in journalism from the University of Illinois in 1987, Judge Beckwith worked as a newspaper reporter at the Midland Daily News in Midland, Michigan, and also taught journalism and English composition at Central Michigan University.

Judge Beckwith changed course in 1989 and left journalism for law school. She attended the University of Michigan Law School, where she was editor-in-chief of the Michigan Law Review. After receiving her law degree in 1992, Judge Beckwith served as a law clerk to Judge Richard D. Cudahy on the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit in Chicago and then for Justice John Paul Stevens on the Supreme Court of the United States.

Prior to her appointment to the D.C. Court of Appeals, Judge Beckwith spent her legal career as a public defender, handling the appeals of indigent criminal defendants who had been convicted of serious offenses. She first worked as an appellate attorney at Michigan's State Appellate Defender Office in Detroit, where she also taught a criminal appellate practice course at Wayne State University Law School. Judge Beckwith returned to Washington in 1999 and worked as a staff attorney and then a supervising attorney in the Appellate Division of the Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia until her appointment to the Court of Appeals.

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