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D.C. Court of Appeals Names New Clerk of Court

Chief Judge Eric T. Washington named Julio Castillo as the new clerk of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals, tasked with overseeing all court operations. Castillo replaces Garland Pinkston Jr., who served as clerk of court from 1996 until his retirement in May of this year.

"It is an honor to be named clerk of the D.C. Court of Appeals. I am thrilled to take on this new challenge and welcome the opportunity to serve the court and the D.C. community," Castillo said.

Before his appointment, Castillo served as executive director of the D.C. Public Employee Relations Board, where he worked for 15 years. He also has held legal positions with the D.C. Public Schools, the Council of the District of Columbia, and the Bureau of Consumer Protection of the Federal Trade Commission.

"Mr. Castillo is a very talented lawyer who also brings a wealth of government management experience in the District of Columbia to the Courts," Washington said in a statement issued August 30.

"His strong leadership skills made him an ideal candidate for the Clerk's position, and we are pleased that someone of his caliber will be joining us."

The clerk's office is responsible for receiving and maintaining all case filings, coordinating the scheduling of arguments, and monitoring the progress of approximately 1,700 cases filed in the Court of Appeals each year. The clerk of court also is a key member of the senior leadership team of the District of Columbia Courts, consisting of the Court of Appeals, the Superior Court, and the Court System, which provides support functions.

Castillo attended Columbia University and Georgetown University Law Center, and he is a member of both



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