



Commission Selects Nominees for Superior Court Vacancy

On July 26 the D.C. Judicial Nomination Commission announced it had chosen Noel Thomas Johnson, Michael Kenny O’Keefe, and Robert D. Okun as nominees to fill a vacancy on the Superior Court of the District of Columbia.

The commission has sent the three names to President Obama, who has 60 days to select his nominee. The vacancy was created due to the retirement of Judge Linda Kay Davis.

Johnson is a Superior Court magistrate judge who has served in the Family Court since his appointment in 2002. He is a graduate of The Catholic University of America and Tulane University School of Law. After law school, Johnson served as a law clerk at the Office of Bar Counsel.

O’Keefe is a sole practitioner in the District who specializes in criminal defense and family law. He has represented individuals in more than 2,000 cases in the Superior Court and litigated more than 200 trials. He is a graduate of the University of Notre Dame and American University Washington College of Law, where he served as associate editor of its *Law Review*. After law school, O’Keefe served as a clerk at O’Connor & Hannan and also was a legislative aide to former Senator Christopher J. Dodd (D-Conn.).

Okun, a former member of the D.C. Bar Board of Governors, has been a prosecutor in the U.S. Attorney’s Office for the District of Columbia for 16 years, and has served the past 12 years as chief of its Special Proceedings Division. He is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania and Harvard Law School. He served as a law clerk for Judge Frank E. Schwelb at the Superior Court.—K.A.