

DC appeals court chief judge elected as president of national organization

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WASHINGTON — An appeals court judge in the District of Columbia has been elected president of the Conference of Chief Justices.

The D.C. judiciary on Monday announced that Eric T. Washington, chief judge of the D.C. Court of Appeals, has been named leader of the CCJ. The national organization represents state courts before Congress and federal executive agencies. The organization also develops policies intended to help state courts function better.

Washington says as president of the organization, he'll work on securing funding for state courts, ensuring that people with limited English have adequate access to the courts and promoting pre-trial justice.

Washington was nominated to the D.C. Superior Court in 1995. He was named to the D.C. Court of Appeals in 1999 and became the court's chief judge six years later.

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