

**THE HONORABLE JOSHUA DEAHL  
ASSOCIATE JUDGE  
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA COURT OF APPEALS**

Joshua Deahl was appointed to the District of Columbia Court of Appeals in 2019 by President Donald Trump.

Judge Deahl was born in Tucson, Arizona, and was raised primarily in Mesa, Arizona. He received a B.S. in political science and a B.A. in philosophy, *magna cum laude*, from Arizona State University in 2003. He received a J.D., *magna cum laude*, from the University of Michigan Law School in 2006, where he was the student commencement speaker.

After graduating from law school, Judge Deahl served as a law clerk to Judge Fortunato P. Benavides on the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit. He later clerked for Justice Sandra Day O'Connor (retired) and Justice Anthony M. Kennedy on the Supreme Court of the United States. After his clerkships, Judge Deahl worked as Counsel in the Supreme Court and Appellate Practice at O'Melveny & Myers in Washington, D.C. He then returned to the Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia in 2012 (he had done one year there between clerkships in 2007-2008), where he continued working until his appointment to the D.C. Court of Appeals.

Judge Deahl is married to Jessica Deahl and they have a son and a daughter.

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