

**District of Columbia
Court of Appeals**



BEFORE: Blackburne-Rigsby, Chief Judge, Beckwith, Easterly, McLeese, Deahl, Howard, and Shanker, Associate Judges.

ORDER

(FILED – February 27, 2026)

Pursuant to the Order Establishing District of Columbia Access to Justice Commission, filed December 29, 2004 (No. M-220-04), and the subsequent orders continuing and expanding the District of Columbia Access to Justice Commission, dated February 28, 2005, October 9, 2007, February 17, 2011, May 22, 2014, November 15, 2015, and December 23, 2020, it is

ORDERED that the Commission shall be expanded to include a representative of the D.C. Office of Administrative Hearings nominated by the Chief Administrative Law Judge of the D.C. Office of Administrative Hearings;

It is FURTHER ORDERED that the Commission shall hereby consist of the following members appointed by this court:

Four (4) judges nominated by the Chief Judge of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals;

The D.C. Courts Executive Officer (1) nominated by the Chief Judge of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals;

A representative of the D.C. Office of Administrative Hearings (1) nominated by the Chief Administrative Law Judge of the D.C. Office of Administrative Hearings;

Two (2) persons nominated by the District of Columbia Bar;

Two (2) persons nominated by the District of Columbia Bar Foundation; and

Four (4) persons nominated by the Consortium of Legal Services Providers, at least one of whom shall be a leader of a community based organization serving persons living in poverty or a client of a D.C. legal services provider; and

At-Large Members who shall be selected by the court on the basis of a demonstrated commitment to access to justice and familiarity with access-to-justice issues.

It is FURTHER ORDERED that the following persons are reappointed for three years as Members of the District of Columbia Access to Justice Commission, effective March 1, 2026:

1. The Honorable Corinne A. Beckwith – D.C. Courts Representative, D.C. Court of Appeals
2. The Honorable Vanessa Ruiz – D.C. Courts Representative, D.C. Court of Appeals
3. The Honorable Rebecca Goldfrank – D.C. Courts Representative, D.C. Superior Court
4. The Honorable Carmen G. McLean – D.C. Courts Representative, D.C. Superior Court
5. Mr. Herbert Rouson, Jr. – D.C. Courts Representative, Executive Officer
6. Ms. Rhonda Cunningham Holmes – D.C. Consortium Representative
7. Ms. Karen M. Dale – At-Large Member
8. Ms. Elizabeth Dewey – At-Large Member
9. Professor Peter B. Edelman – At-Large Member
10. Mr. Paul S. Lee – D.C. Bar Representative
11. Ms. Beth Mellen – D.C. Bar Foundation Representative
12. Ms. Kelli Neptune – D.C. Bar Representative
13. Ms. Karen A. Newton Cole – At-Large Member
14. Ms. Koube E. Ngaaje – D.C. Consortium Representative
15. Mr. Abel Nuñez – At-Large Member
16. Mr. James J. Sandman – At-Large Member
17. Ms. Aída Vindell – At-Large Member
18. Ms. Katherine Zeisel – D.C. Consortium Representative

It is FURTHER ORDERED that the following persons are appointed for three years as Members of the District of Columbia Access to Justice Commission, effective March 1, 2026:

1. The Honorable Kimberley Cruz – D.C. Office of Administrative Hearings Representative
2. Prof. Andrew Budzinski – At-Large Member
3. Ms. Tracy Davis – D.C. Consortium Representative
4. Mr. Daniel del Pielago – At-Large Member
5. Ms. Jenny Joseph – D.C. Bar Foundation Representative

6. Ms. Marilyn Lovo – At-Large Member
7. Ms. Amy Mix – At-Large Member
8. Mr. Adrián Palma – At-Large Member
9. Ms. Kelly Voss – At-Large Member

It is FURTHER ORDERED that Professor Peter B. Edelman is appointed Chair Emeritus of the Commission for three years, effective March 1, 2026.

It is FURTHER ORDERED that Mr. James J. Sandman is appointed Chair of the Commission for three years, effective March 1, 2026.

It is FURTHER ORDERED that Ms. Elizabeth Dewey is appointed Vice Chair of the Commission for three years, effective March 1, 2026.

ENTERED BY DIRECTION OF THE COURT


JULIO A. CASTILLO
Clerk of the Court

cc: All Judges

Nancy E. Drane, Executive Director, D.C. Access to Justice Commission

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