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Media Advisory

**Judge Beryl A. Howell Appointed Chief Judge of the United States
District Court for the District of Columbia**

WASHINGTON, D.C. March 21, 2016 — Beryl A. Howell assumed the position of Chief Judge of the United States District Court for the District of Columbia on March 17, 2016. Her predecessor, former Chief Judge Richard W. Roberts, retired from the bench the previous day. “I am privileged and humbled to serve as the Chief Judge of this great Court, which has a 200-year old history of administering justice in the Nation’s Capital. I am fortunate to be surrounded on this Court by enormously talented and dedicated Judges and Court staff,” said Chief Judge Howell.

Chief Judge Howell was appointed by President Obama to serve as a District Judge on the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia on December 27, 2010. She previously served in positions in all three branches of the federal government. Chief Judge Howell was appointed to two terms as a Commissioner on the United States Sentencing Commission, from 2004 until 2013. Earlier in her career, from 1987 until 1993, Chief Judge Howell served as the deputy chief of the Narcotics Section and an Assistant U.S. Attorney in the U.S. Attorney’s office for the Eastern District of New York, where she was awarded the Attorney General’s Director’s Award for Superior Performance and commendations from the U.S. Attorney and Federal and local law enforcement agencies. Thereafter, from 1993 until 2003, she served on the staff and as general counsel of the United States Senate Committee on the Judiciary. In addition to her government service, Chief Judge Howell has held positions as a litigation associate at Schulte Roth & Zabel and as the executive managing director and general counsel of a consulting and technical services firm, where she was awarded a Director’s Award by the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation for her “valuable contributions” to the successful investigation and prosecution of a cyber-extortion case. Chief Judge Howell has also taught Legal Ethics as an adjunct professor at American University’s Washington College of Law.

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