

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS
FOR THE FOURTH CIRCUIT

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Chief Judge

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CIRCUIT JUDGES

Dear Judges,

I am pleased to announce that Toby J. Heytens, Virginia Solicitor General and University of Virginia School of Law Professor, has been confirmed by the United States Senate to a seat on the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals. Judge-Nominee Heytens succeeds our esteemed colleague, Barbara M. Keenan, who took senior status on August 31, 2021.

Judge Heytens has had a distinguished career. He is a graduate of Macalester College in Minnesota, where he was a member of Phi Beta Kappa. He later graduated from the University of Virginia School of Law, where he was the Articles Development Editor of the Virginia Law Review and a member of The Order of the Coif.

Following law school, Judge Heytens served as a law clerk for the Honorable Edward R. Becker of the Third Circuit Court of Appeals, and then as a law clerk for Associate Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg of the United States Supreme Court. Judge Heytens later worked at O'Melveny & Myers LLP, and served as the Assistant to the Solicitor General, U.S. Department of Justice.

At his confirmation hearing, Judge Heytens affirmed that

two of the most important qualities a judge needs to excel on the bench are: (a) the ability to maintain (and convey) an open mind; and (b) a willingness to engage in hard work. For appellate judges, I would additionally note that collegiality and a willingness to work collaboratively with other judges to resolve cases is deeply important and a quality I saw modeled by both Judge Becker and Justice Ginsburg.

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We congratulate Judge Heytens and welcome him to the Court, where we look forward to his warm fellowship and wise counsel.

Sincerely,

Roger L. Gregory