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NEW JUDGE APPOINTED TO THE DISTRICT COURT

On October 28, 2021, the United States Senate confirmed Superior Court Judge Omar A. Williams as a United States District Judge for the District of Connecticut. He received his commission from President Joseph R. Biden, Jr. on November 12, 2021, and was sworn in by the Honorable Michael P. Shea, U.S. District Judge, on November 22, 2021.

Judge Williams is a 1998 graduate of the University of Connecticut and a 2002 graduate of the University of Connecticut School of Law. He began his legal career as an assistant public defender for the State of Connecticut Division of Public Defender Services where he served for over eleven years. In 2014, he was nominated by Governor Dannel P. Malloy to serve as a superior court judge and was unanimously confirmed by the Connecticut legislature in January 2015. As a superior court judge, Judge Williams presided over housing and criminal matters in the New London judicial district. In 2017, while sitting in the Hartford G.A. court, Judge Williams was appointed by the Chief Judge Administrator as the presiding judge for criminal matters.

Chief U.S. District Judge Stefan R. Underhill said, "Judge Williams brings almost two decades of experience as a superior court judge and public defender. We are fortunate to welcome him to the federal bench where his keen intellect, integrity, experience and temperament will continue to serve the citizens of Connecticut well."

Judge Williams' chambers are located in the Abraham A. Ribicoff Federal Building in Hartford. He fills the vacancy created by Judge Alvin W. Thompson, who assumed senior status in August 2018.

The District of Connecticut has eight authorized judgeships.

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