



John F. Murphy

Born: 1977, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Federal Judicial Service:

Judge, U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania
Nominated by Joseph R. Biden, Jr. on July 12, 2022, to a seat vacated by Lawrence F. Stengel.
Confirmed by the Senate on December 7, 2022, and received commission on December 23, 2022.

Education:

Cornell University, B.S., 1999
California Institute of Technology, M.S., 2002
California Institute of Technology, Ph.D., 2005
Harvard Law School, J.D., 2007

Professional Career:

Private Practice, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania: 2007-2008, 2009-2022
Law Clerk, Hon. Kimberly A. Moore, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit: 2008-2009
Adjunct Professor, Rutgers School of Law
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Judicial Biography

Judge Murphy was nominated by President Joseph R. Biden, Jr. on July 12, 2022 and was confirmed by the United States Senate on December 7, 2022. He received his commission from the President on December 23, 2022.

Judge Murphy graduated with a B.S., summa cum laude, in chemical engineering from Cornell University, and then moved to the California Institute of Technology. There, he worked in the laboratory of Professor Mark E. Davis and obtained a Ph.D. in chemical engineering in

2004 with a thesis addressing the collection of gene expression data using peptidomimetic tags and mass spectrometry, and analysis of that data with machine-learning techniques. He obtained his law degree from Harvard Law School, where he was editor-in-chief of the Harvard Journal of Law & Technology and an active member of the Harvard Mediation Program. Early in his career, he served as a law clerk for the Honorable Kimberly A. Moore of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit.

Judge Murphy began his career in private practice in the Philadelphia office of Woodcock Washburn. He became a partner with Baker & Hostetler when it merged with Woodcock Washburn in 2014, where he remained until his appointment to the bench. In private practice, he concentrated on intellectual property litigation, especially patent litigation, but he frequently went beyond the courtroom to advise on the development and strategic business uses of intellectual property. He represented plaintiffs and defendants in about equal number in district courts around the country and before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, as well as the U.S. International Trade Commission, arbitration panels, and mediators. He branched out from chemical engineering to representations involving commercial packaging, orthopedic medical devices and materials, chemical and biological therapeutics, tablet and telephone hardware, semiconductor manufacturing, industrial machinery, and cryptographic software, to name a few.

Judge Murphy has served outside the Eastern District of Pennsylvania as a visiting judge in the Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, the District of Delaware, and the District of New Jersey. He serves on the Committee on Codes of Conduct of the Judicial Conference of the United States. Within the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, he serves on the Attorney Discipline, Civil Business, and Information Technology committees.

Judge Murphy also serves as adjunct professor of law at the Villanova University Charles Widger School of Law and at Rutgers Law School, where he teaches Patent Litigation & Strategy. He is co-author of the last three editions of the casebook Patent Litigation & Strategy along with Chief Judge Kimberly A. Moore, Professor Timothy Holbrook, and Andrew Sommer.