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NOMINATION OF KETANJI BROWN JACKSON

On Feb. 25, 2022, President Joe Biden [nominated](#) Ketanji Brown Jackson, a judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit, to succeed Justice Stephen Breyer upon his [retirement](#). If confirmed by the Senate, Jackson would become the 116th justice of the Supreme Court and the first Black woman justice. Here is a collection of resources on Jackson's nomination.



Jackson speaks at the University of Chicago in February 2020. (Lloyd DeGrane via Wikimedia Commons)

Background & process

- [Profile of Ketanji Brown Jackson](#) (Amy Howe)
- [A view from the Cross Hall: A relatively subdued setting for a groundbreaking nomination](#) (Mark Walsh)
- [What senators are saying: Tracking reactions to Jackson's nomination](#) (Ellena Erskine)
- [The process in the Senate: What to expect](#) (Katie Barlow)
- [Jackson's responses to Senate Judiciary Committee questionnaire](#)

- [Selected primary materials collected by Congressional Research Service](#)

Judicial opinions

Adam Feldman of Empirical SCOTUS has compiled a [database of more than 500 decisions](#) written by Jackson during her eight years as a federal district judge and her one year as a federal appellate judge. Here are some of Jackson's most significant opinions:

- *AFL-CIO v. Federal Labor Relations Authority* (Jan. 28, 2022)
- *Kiakombua v. Wolf* (Oct. 30, 2020)
- *AFL-CIO v. National Labor Relations Board* (June 7, 2020) ([amended on July 1, 2020](#))
- *Committee on the Judiciary v. McGahn* (Nov. 25, 2019)
- *Make the Road New York v. McAleenan* (Sept. 27, 2019)
- *Center for Biological Diversity v. McAleenan* (Sept. 5, 2019)
- *In re Air Crash over the Southern Indian Ocean* (Nov. 21, 2018)
- *Government of Guam v. United States* (Oct. 5, 2018)
- *Otay Mesa Property v. Department of Interior* (Sept. 25, 2018)
- *United States v. Young* (Sept. 13, 2018)
- *American Federation of Government Employees v. Trump* (Aug. 25, 2018)
- *Alliance of Artists & Recording Companies v. General Motors Co.* (March 23, 2018)
- *Pierce v. District of Columbia* (Sept. 11, 2015)
- *Sierra Club v. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers* (Aug. 18, 2014)
- *Z Street, Inc. v. Koskinen* (May 27, 2014)
- *American Meat Institute v. Department of Agriculture* (Sept. 11, 2013)

Writings & speeches

Here is a collection of Jackson's published articles and speeches that are available online (though some are behind a paywall). For a full list of her writings and speeches (many of which are not available on the internet), see pages 8-40 of her [2021 Senate Judiciary Committee questionnaire](#).

Articles

- [Judging A Book: Jackson Reviews "When Should Law Forgive?"](#) (\$) (Law 360, Sept. 24, 2019)
- [Section 10\(b\) and Rule 10b-5: The U.S. Courts of Appeals Apply Different Legal Tests for Assessing the Primary Liability of Secondary Actors](#) (Securities Litigation, Enforcement, and White Collar Criminal Defense Newsletter, Spring 2009)
- [Prevention versus Punishment: Toward a Principled Distinction in the Restraint of Released Sex Offenders](#) (\$) (Harvard Law Review, May 1996)
- [Recent case, Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act \(RICO\) — Scope of Liability After *Reves v. Ernst & Young*](#) (\$) (Harvard Law Review, April 1995)

Speeches, panels, & other public appearances

- [Conversation with Justice Stephen Breyer and other former Breyer clerks](#) (National Asian Pacific American Bar Association, November 2020)

- [*The Oresteia* mock trial](#) (Shakespeare Theatre Company, June 24, 2019)
- [“Hamilton: The Man, the Musical, and the Law”](#) (National Constitution Center, Nov. 19, 2018)
- [“Reflections on My Journey as a Mother and a Judge”](#) (University of Georgia School of Law’s 35th Edith House Lecture, March 2, 2017)
- [*Twelfth Night* mock trial](#) (Shakespeare Theatre Company, Dec. 11, 2017)
- [“Looking Forward: Criminal Justice Policy and Reform”](#) (moderator) (George Washington Law Review Symposium, Feb. 21, 2018)
- [Justice Stephen Breyer in conversation with Alan Morrison](#) (introductory speaker) (American Constitution Society, June 8, 2017)
- [*Romeo and Juliet* mock trial](#) (Shakespeare Theatre Company, Dec. 12, 2016)
- [“A Conversation on Judging – Then and Now”](#) (Historical Society of the District of Columbia Circuit, Feb. 25, 2015)
- [“An Insider Look at the United States Sentencing Commission”](#) (Administrative Office of the Courts, Dec. 3, 2014)
- [“State of the Sentencing Guidelines”](#) (Health Care Compliance Association, April 2012)
- [“New Frontiers in Race and Criminal Justice”](#) (NYU Law’s Center on the Administration of Criminal Law, April 17, 2012)

Interviews

- [“Eight current Overseers share their unique stories](#) (Harvard Gazette, June 16, 2020)
- [“Ketanji Brown Jackson: A decisive force applying rules to any and all”](#) (NBC News, Jan. 31, 2019)

Prior nomination materials

- [Responses to Senate Judiciary Committee questionnaire for 2021 nomination to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit](#)
- [Responses to Senate Judiciary Committee questionnaire for 2012 nomination to the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia](#)



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On second day of hearings, Jackson responds to Republican critiques on criminal sentencing

By [James Romoser](#) on Mar 23, 2022 at 12:58 am



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Jackson pledges judicial independence and transparency on opening day of Senate hearings

By [James Romoser](#) on Mar 21, 2022 at 9:10 pm



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Jackson's nomination hearings will begin March 21. Here's what to expect.

By [Katie Barlow](#) on Mar 3, 2022 at 9:07 am



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Jackson submits Senate Judiciary questionnaire, prepares to start meeting with senators

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A VIEW FROM THE CROSS HALL

A relatively subdued setting for a groundbreaking nomination

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Jackson to Supreme Court**

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