

CHIEF JUDGE BERYL A. HOWELL

Chief Judge Howell was appointed to the United States District Court for the District of Columbia in December 2010 and has served as the Chief Judge since March 2016. She received her B.A., with honors in Philosophy, in 1978 from Bryn Mawr College and her J.D. in 1983 from Columbia University School of Law, where she was a Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar.

Following law school, Chief Judge Howell served as a law clerk to Judge Dickinson R. Debevoise in the U.S. Court for the District of New Jersey and then as a litigation associate at Schulte, Roth & Zabel.

In addition to working in the private sector, Chief Judge Howell served as an Assistant U.S. Attorney in the U.S. Attorney's office for the Eastern District of New York, as general counsel of the United States Senate Committee on the Judiciary, and as a Commissioner on the United States Sentencing Commission.

She also worked as executive managing director and general counsel of a cybersecurity and digital forensics consulting and technical services firm. During her tenure at the firm, Chief Judge Howell 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. Among her other awards, Chief Judge Howell has been inducted into the National Freedom of Information Act Hall of Fame and is the recipient of the 2004 First Amendment Award by the Society of Professional Journalists. She currently serves as a member of the Judicial Conference of the United States.