

BIOGRAPHY

Honorable Paul J. Watford

Circuit Judge, Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, Pasadena, CA



Judge Paul J. Watford was appointed to the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit on May 22, 2012. He was nominated by President Barack Obama on October 17, 2011 and was confirmed by the Senate on May 21, 2012. He graduated from the University of California, Berkeley, receiving a B.A. degree in 1989; he then attended the University of California, Los Angeles School of Law, receiving a J.D. degree in 1994.

From 1994 to 1995, Judge Watford was law clerk to the Honorable Alex Kozinski of the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. From 1995 to 1996, he was law clerk to the Honorable Ruth Bader Ginsburg of the United States Supreme Court. From 1997 to 2000, he served as an Assistant United States Attorney in the Criminal Division and Major Frauds Section in the Central District of California. From 2001 to 2012, he practiced law with Munger, Tolles & Olson in Los Angeles, becoming a partner in 2003.

Judge Watford also served as a lecturer-in-law at the University of Southern California, Gould School of Law from 2007 to 2009.

In the short time he has been on the federal bench, Judge Watford has authored judicial opinions in cases involving wide-ranging issues such as immigration, civil rights, habeas corpus, and securities regulation.

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