

# Trump Fills Longest-Standing Vacancy in Federal Judiciary

## *News*

Multiple presidents struggled to fill the vacancy in North Carolina over the course of 14 years.

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## As Trump Cases Arrive, Supreme Court's Desire to Be Seen as Neutral Arbiter Will Be Tested

## *News*

The court will consider whether to schedule a full briefing and argument on the president's request that it overturn a lower-court ruling giving New York prosecutors access to Trump's tax returns and other financial records.

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## GOP Senator's Opposition to Trump Court Nominee Won't

# Stop Confirmation

## News

Sarah Pitlyk's nomination narrowly cleared the Senate Judiciary Committee after Democrats criticized her advocacy work.

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# Trump Flips Second Circuit With Controversial Judge

## News

Menashi's dodging of questions during his confirmation hearing before the Senate Judiciary Committee stirred controversy in the Senate.

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# Impeachment Lawyers: Mob Buster vs. GOP Veteran Counsel

## News

The public impeachment inquiry hearings set to begin Wednesday pit a Democratic attorney who built his reputation as a federal mob and securities fraud prosecutor against a GOP House Oversight investigator.

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# Trump Tax Return Case Confronts Supreme Court With a Momentous Choice

## News

The court can agree to hear the case and rule by June, or it simply can deny review, leaving in place the appeals court ruling and effectively requiring Trump's accountants to turn over his tax returns.

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# Why Trump Impeachment Could Be a Nightmare for Chief Justice; Recusal Rumblings Heard

## News

Chief Justice John Roberts, a man known for his temperance and modest view of judicial power, could find himself in an uncomfortable place: at the direct center of a bitter political battle.

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# Conspiracy Theorist Loses Case Against Robert Mueller

## *News*

A federal judge dismissed a lawsuit against former special counsel Robert Mueller, rejecting a conspiracy theorist's claim that Mueller pressured him to commit perjury.

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# Another Trump Judicial Pick Rated Unqualified Advances

## *News*

Three other federal district court nominees also advanced, but action on two controversial appeals court picks was again deferred.

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# Federal Government Contract Modifications: Pay Attention

## *Insight*

Any release document (including releases with parties other than the government) should be narrowly drawn and clearly articulate those claims that are being released.

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# Federal Judge Holds DeVos in Contempt in Student Loan Case, Slaps Education Department With Fine

## *News*

Money from the fine will be used to compensate the 16,000 people harmed by the federal agency's actions.

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# John Roberts Won't Let Mitch McConnell Derail a Trump Impeachment Trial

## *News*

Given his deep commitment to professionalism, John Roberts can be counted on to deflect any behind-the-scenes pressures for speed, Yale law professor Bruce Ackerman writes.

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# The Lawyer at the Center of the Ukraine Vortex

## News

The attorney who is emerging as a central figure in the Ukraine scandal is a quiet and unassuming presence in a White House dominated by more colorful personalities.

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# Opioid Negotiations Fail to Produce Deal Just Before Trial

## News

Negotiators said late Friday that local governments did not accept a deal worth \$48 billion in cash, treatment drugs and services.

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# Senate Panel Holds Over Some Trump Court Picks; Two Nominees Rated 'Not

# Qualified'

## **News**

White House lawyer Steven Menashi and U.S. District Judge Halil Suleyman Ozerden likely will have to wait at least a week for the committee to again consider their nominations.

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# Court Agrees to Take Another Look at Emoluments Case Over Trump's D.C. Hotel

## **News**

The state of Maryland and the District of Columbia accused Trump of violating the emoluments clause of the U.S. Constitution by accepting profits through foreign and domestic officials who stay at the Trump International Hotel.

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# Trump Finally Has His Lawyer

## **News**

Pat Cipollone is aggressive, dedicated, and at times controlling, according to his colleagues.

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# Trump's Fast-Tracking of Oil Pipelines Hits Legal Roadblocks

## *News*

Successful legal challenges by environmental groups allege the administration failed to apply the regulatory scrutiny required under the law.

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# Supreme Court Justice Gorsuch Calls LGBTQ Workplace Discrimination Case 'Really Close'

## *News*

Justice Neil M. Gorsuch also spoke of a "massive social upheaval" if the court were to rule for the LGBTQ employees.

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# Legal Battle Continues Over Drilling And Fracking



# Wastewater Well

## **News**

The long-running legal battle, which is being watched for its potentially precedent-setting outcome, pits a township, which wants to protect water wells from contamination, against a state environmental protection agency.