
WilmerHale Applauds Partner Carl J. Nichols' Nomination to US District Court

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WilmerHale applauds the White House announcement that President Trump intends to nominate Partner [Carl J. Nichols](#) to serve on the US District Court for the District of Columbia.

Nichols, vice chair of the Government and Regulatory Litigation Practice in the firm's Washington DC office, and a member of WilmerHale's Management Committee, has been a partner of the firm since 2010, where he has handled a broad array of matters, including litigation involving the False Claims Act, government and commercial contracts, international tax, trade secrets, administrative law, constitutional law and international law. He also kept a very active pro bono practice.

"We consider ourselves very lucky indeed to have worked alongside Carl for the past eight years," says [Robert Novick](#), WilmerHale's co-managing partner. "This is a bittersweet moment because we are losing a truly gifted lawyer as well as a terrific colleague who has made many contributions to our firm. We who have had the pleasure of having him on our team fully expect him to become one of the outstanding judges on the federal bench."

Before joining the firm, Nichols served in the US Department of Justice as Principal Deputy Associate Attorney General. Before that, he was Deputy Assistant Attorney General for the Federal Programs Branch of the Department of Justice's Civil Division. He received numerous awards for his achievements in government service, including the Attorney General's Medallion.

Prior to his service at the Department of Justice, Nichols was a partner at another major law firm. He also was a law clerk to Justice Clarence Thomas of the Supreme Court of the United States and Judge Laurence H. Silberman of the US Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit.

Nichols earned his BA, *cum laude* and with high honors in his major, from Dartmouth College, and his JD, with high honors, from the University of Chicago Law School, where he was inducted into the Order of the Coif and served on the *University of Chicago Law Review*.