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Historical Society of the District of Columbia Circuit

Laying the cornerstone of the Prettyman Courthouse in 1952, President Truman recognized the significance of the Courts of this Circuit: "These Courts hear cases which are not only important to the private parties concerned, but which involve issues vital to the welfare and growth of the Nation. Nowhere else, outside the Supreme Court of the United States, will so many legal questions of national magnitude be decided as in this building before us."

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The Society is marking its 35th Anniversary as it celebrates:

- Publication on its website, www.dcchs.org, of the 142nd oral history of judges, attorneys, and others who have played key roles in the Courts of the D.C. Circuit.
- Its 20th annual Mock Court Program for District of Columbia high school students who argue cases before federal judges to develop advocacy skills and learn about the federal courts and the rule of law.
- Sponsorship of Judge Patricia M. Wald Programs on historic cases litigated in the D.C. Circuit Courts, including:

June 2024: "The Road to the Release of John Hinckley: Attempted Presidential Assassination, Insanity, Commitment and the Courts", featuring a reenactment of pivotal portions of the oral arguments regarding his release, and a panel discussion on the unique challenges presented by the case.

June 2023: "Antitrust Confronts the Challenge of 21st Century Technology: Revisiting United States v. Microsoft Corp." A reenactment of a portion of the argument from the historic 2001 en banc decision of the Court of Appeals, and a panel discussion on its implications for antitrust enforcement in today's technology market.

June 2019: "In the case of Statutory Ambiguity, Who Decides? - Chevron Revisited," exploring the legacy of Chevron and the current status of the Chevron Doctrine.



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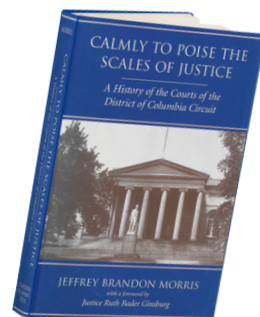
Visit the Society's website, optimized for mobile and desktop devices, to view:

- A timeline beginning in 1800 that highlights decades of history of the D.C. Circuit Courts, judges, and others as well as events of importance.
- Portraits of judges who have served on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit and the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia.
- Exhibits on display in the Courthouse and online highlighting major cases heard by the Courts of the Circuit.
- Videos of programs and reenactments of significant D.C. Circuit cases presented by the Society.
- An archive of more than 60 newsletters published quarterly by the Society starting in 2009 and reporting on events and personalities from the Courts' history as well as current activities of the Society.



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The Society sponsored a definitive history of the D.C. Circuit, *Calmly to Poise the Scales of Justice: A History of the Courts of the District of Columbia Circuit*. To purchase a copy, go to dcchs.org/publications.



A 2020 Mock Court Outstanding Advocate, Leah Hornsby, School Without Walls, with Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell

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