



UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS  
for the **Second Circuit**  
Chief Judge Debra Ann Livingston



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## Announcements

**March 9, 2022 – Press Release: Selection of Heather Z. Cooper to Serve as Bankruptcy Judge in the District of Vermont** - Chief Judge Debra Ann Livingston of the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit announced today that the Court of Appeals will appoint Heather Zubke Cooper as a United States Bankruptcy Judge for the District of Vermont in Burlington. Chief Judge Livingston stated, "We are very happy to welcome Heather Cooper to the bankruptcy bench. We are confident that she will serve with distinction, and we look forward to her contributions over many years to come."

Ms. Cooper is a partner at Facey Goss & McPhee, P.C., a Vermont-based law firm, where she has practiced as an associate and then partner since 2006. Ms. Cooper has extensive and diverse bankruptcy law experience, with over twenty years of experience in the financial and restructuring industry, representing individual and corporate debtors and creditors in loan workouts and restructurings, liquidations, foreclosures, litigation, seizures, and receiverships. Ms. Cooper served as the Bankruptcy Law Section Chair of the Vermont Bar Association from 2014 to 2018 and on various task forces for the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Vermont since 2011.

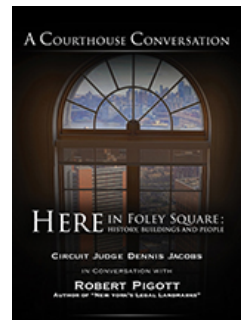
Ms. Cooper previously served as a law clerk for former Bankruptcy Judge Colleen A. Brown (she now succeeds Judge Brown). Prior to her clerkship, Ms. Cooper practiced with the law firms Murphy & King, P.C., and Dunn, Kacal, Adams, Pappas & Law, P.C. Before entering private practice, Ms. Cooper served as a briefing attorney to Justice David L. Richards of the Texas Court of Appeals, Second District.

Ms. Cooper is a magna cum laude graduate of South Texas College of Law and a graduate of the University of Houston.

Ms. Cooper will officially assume her duties on March 14, 2022, in a private ceremony.

**March 8, 2022 – Update to In-Person Court Proceedings at the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit** - Chief Judge Debra Ann Livingston has announced that effective Monday, March 14, 2022, during in-person oral arguments, the person arguing at the podium may choose to remove a mask during the argument. Similarly, a judge participating in the argument may choose to remove the mask while on the bench. All other persons in the courtroom must wear a mask at all times and must continue to observe the health screening requirements and entrance protocols posted at the entrance to the building. The specific requirements for in-person court

- Appellate Filer Registration
- Clerk's Office Directory
- Filing Events Glossary
- Judicial Conduct
- Judicial Seminars Disclosure
- Mediation (CAMP)
- Update CM/ECF Appellate Filer Account
- Working with PDFs



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proceedings and other court operations, set forth in the Court's February 14, 2022 notice, posted below on the website Announcements page, remain in effect.

**February 14, 2022 – Applications for service on CJA Panel** - The Criminal Justice Act Committee of the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit is accepting applications for service on the Court's Criminal Justice Act Panel. For announcement click [here](#), for application click [here](#).

**February 14, 2022 – Resumption of In-Person Court Proceedings and Other Court Operations at the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit**

- Chief Judge Debra Ann Livingston has announced that effective Tuesday, February 22, 2022, the Court will resume holding oral argument in person in the Thurgood Marshall United States Courthouse, Room 1702. Counsel and pro se litigants will be expected to appear in person but will be permitted to argue remotely upon a request establishing good cause. Current conditions related to the Covid pandemic require that counsel appear with no more than one colleague to assist with the argument. Pro se litigants also may be accompanied by no more than one person in the courtroom. Individuals who arrive at the courthouse for argument must meet the health screening requirements and entrance protocols specified at the entrance to the building. All persons must wear a mask at all times in the building, including in the courtroom and during oral argument. The courtroom will remain closed to the public and others who may wish to attend argument, pending further improvement in Covid pandemic conditions. The Court will continue to offer a livestream audio of the oral arguments. Click [here](#) for the link to the livestream audio. All parties are advised that the Court may announce changes to the procedures for participating in oral argument on short notice based upon updated public health information .

**Other Affected Court Operations** - Beginning February 22, 2022, the Court's public counter in Room 150 of the Clerk's Office will open to the public between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Individuals who meet the health screening requirements and entrance protocols specified at the entrance of the Courthouse may enter to conduct business with the Court. Only two people seeking staff assistance may be in the room at one time. In addition, only one person at a time may use a kiosk, for a maximum of 30 minutes. Paper filings may be made by ordinary mail to the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, Clerk's Office, Thurgood Marshall United States Courthouse, 40 Foley Square, New York, NY 10007. In the alternative, papers may be deposited in the Night Box located inside the entrance to the Thurgood Marshall United States Courthouse . Pro se litigants may continue to file electronic documents using [prosecases@ca2.uscourts.gov](mailto:prosecases@ca2.uscourts.gov). For new cases in which a docketing notice has not yet issued, opening papers may be emailed to [newcases@ca2.uscourts.gov](mailto:newcases@ca2.uscourts.gov).

**December 29, 2021 – Oral Argument and Other Court Operations at the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit** - Chief Judge Debra Ann Livingston has announced that in light of the recent surge in Covid-19 infections, beginning January 4, 2022 oral arguments will be conducted remotely, by Zoom or teleconference. Instructions for participating in the remote arguments will be sent to counsel and pro se litigants in advance of the scheduled argument date. The Court will continue to provide a livestream audio of the oral arguments. The Court expects to resume conducting oral argument in person at the Thurgood Marshall Courthouse as soon as circumstances permit.

**Other Affected Court Operations** - The Court's public counter in Room 150 of the Clerk's Office will be closed to the public until further notice. Paper filings may be made by ordinary mail to the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, Clerk's Office, Thurgood Marshall United States Courthouse, 40 Foley Square, New York, NY 10007. In the alternative, papers may be deposited in the Night Box located inside the entrance to the Thurgood Marshall United States Courthouse. Pro se litigants may continue to file electronic documents using [prosecases@ca2.uscourts.gov](mailto:prosecases@ca2.uscourts.gov). For new cases in which a docketing notice has not yet issued, opening papers may be emailed to [newcases@ca2.uscourts.gov](mailto:newcases@ca2.uscourts.gov).

**December 21, 2021 – ACMS to Expand Operations on January 1, 2022** - The Appellate Case Management System ("ACMS"), the court's new case management program that currently processes immigration petitions for review, will be expanding operations to process Second or Successive habeas applications filed pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §2244. Attorneys wishing to learn

