

**UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS  
FOR THE THIRD CIRCUIT**

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

Chief Judge D. Brooks Smith of the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit has announced the retirement of Edson A. Bostic, Esq., the Federal Public Defender for the District of Delaware, effective December 31, 2020. On behalf of the judges of the Third Circuit, Chief Judge Smith has expressed his sincere thanks to Mr. Bostic for his dedicated and exemplary career in public service.

For nearly thirty years, Mr. Bostic has applied his substantial talents to serving as an advocate for indigent defendants charged with federal criminal offenses. For the last fourteen of those years, Mr. Bostic has led his office as the Chief Federal Public Defender for Delaware. “Edson has long been a very effective advocate for the poor and the accused,” Chief Judge Smith observed. “He has served those causes not only in Delaware but elsewhere — here in the Third, assisting us greatly when the Defender’s Office in the U.S. Virgin Islands needed an interim Chief. Edson has earned the respect, admiration and gratitude of those with whom he has served, and we wish him all the best for continued success in the next stage of his journey.”

The Court of Appeals will commence a formal search to name a replacement for Mr. Bostic in the coming months.