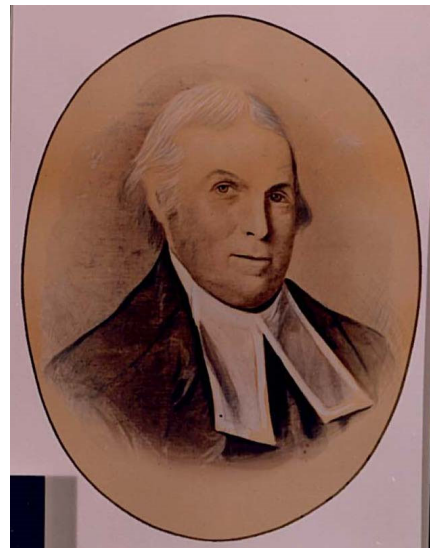


The District of Maine was one of the original thirteen district courts established by the Judiciary Act of 1789. A district court was created in each of the eleven states that had ratified the Constitution by September, 1789, as well as in Maine (then part of Massachusetts) and Kentucky (then still part of Virginia). Although the Court sat primarily in Portland, sessions were also held in Pownalborough and Wiscasset during the first half of the nineteenth century. In 1843, a term of court was first authorized to be held in Bangor. There was only one judge in the District of Maine until an additional judgeship was authorized in 1978. A third judgeship was authorized in 1990.

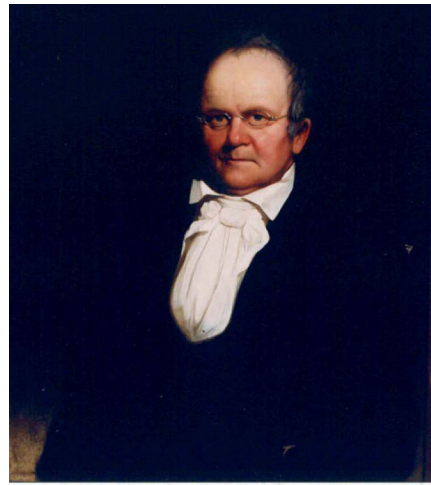
District Court Judges

David Sewall was the first District Court Judge for Maine, appointed by President George Washington on September 26, 1789. A graduate of Harvard College and an experienced judge, Judge Sewall, who was born in York, Maine, previously served as an associate justice on the Supreme Court of Massachusetts. He resigned from the District Court on January 9, 1818.



Albion Keith Parris, from Hebron, Maine, was appointed the second District Judge in Maine on January 28, 1818. He was only 30 years old and was serving as a member of Congress. After only three years, he resigned from the Court and served six terms as Governor of the State of Maine. He later served as Comptroller of the Treasury through the administrations of Presidents Van Buren, Harrison, Tyler and Polk. He was a graduate of Dartmouth College, class of 1806.

Ashur Ware was appointed to the U.S. District Court by President Monroe on February 15, 1822 and served with distinction, particularly in the field of admiralty law, for 44 years, until 1866. Born in Sherborn, Massachusetts, and a graduate of Harvard College, Judge Ware practiced law in Portland and was among the most active “Maine Separatists” during the second decade of the 1800’s.



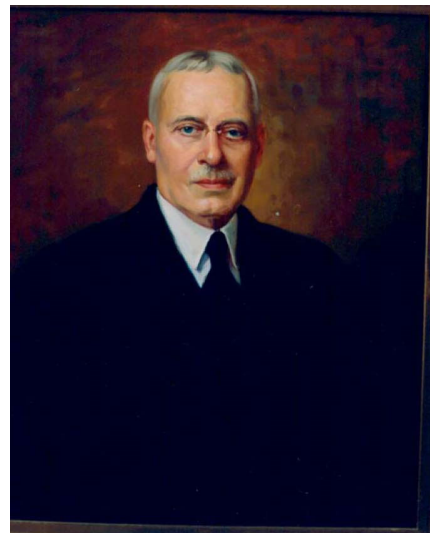
The fourth District Judge, **Edward Fox**, a native of Portland, served from May 31, 1866 until his death in 1881. He was a graduate of Harvard College and Harvard Law School. A pre-eminent trial lawyer with an extensive practice, Judge Fox had served as City Solicitor for Portland and as a state legislator prior to his appointment to the Court.

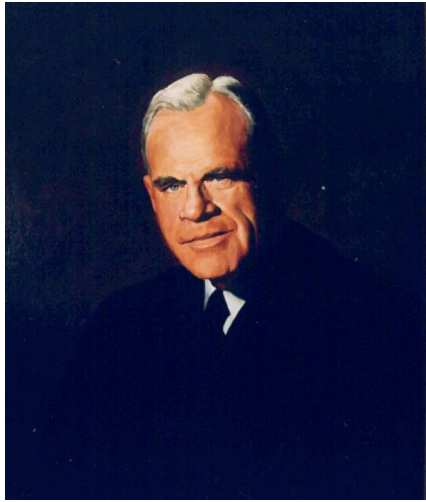
Nathan Webb, a lifelong resident of Portland, served in the Maine State Legislature, as the Cumberland County Attorney, and as the United States Attorney prior to his appointment in on January 24, 1882 to the federal bench by President Arthur. Judge Webb served for more than twenty years, resigning in 1902. He was a member of the class of 1846 at Harvard College.



Clarence Hale was born in Turner in 1848, was educated at Bowdoin College, and came to Portland in 1871 to begin his legal career. He served as the City Solicitor for Portland for three years and in the Maine House of Representatives prior to his appointment as District Judge by President Theodore Roosevelt on May 19, 1902. He served for 20 years.

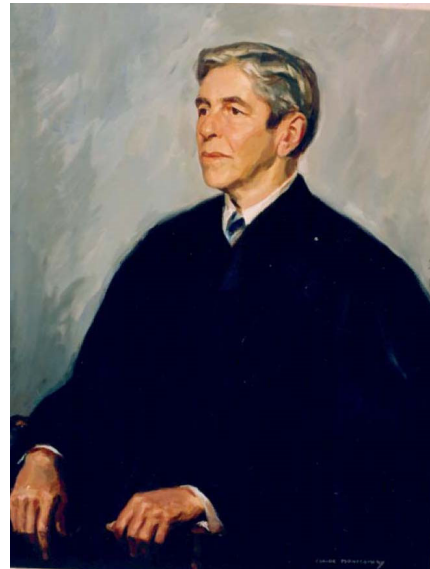
President Harding appointed **John Andrew Peters**, a lifelong resident of Ellsworth, to the District Court on November 14, 1922. A graduate of Bowdoin College, he studied law at the office of his cousin, Andrew Wiswell, who would later become chief justice of the Maine Supreme Judicial Court. A former Speaker of the Maine House of Representatives, Judge Peters served five terms in Congress prior to his appointment to the Court. He retired in 1947 after 25 years of service.





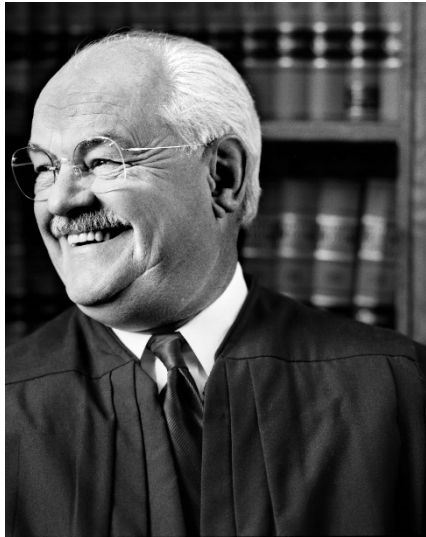
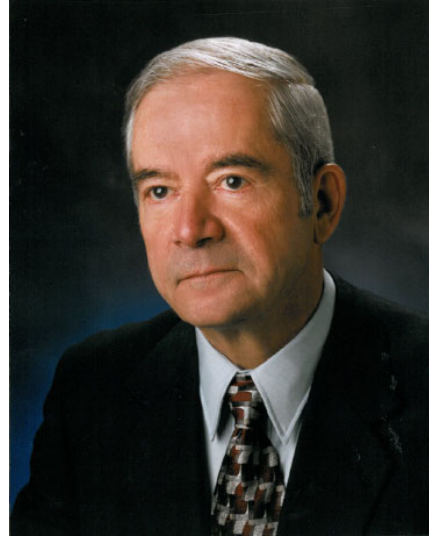
John D. Clifford, Jr. was appointed to the District Court by President Truman on March 24, 1947 and served until his death in 1956. Born in Lewiston and educated at Bowdoin College and Georgetown Law School, he practiced law in Lewiston for twenty years prior to serving as the United States Attorney for Maine from 1933 to 1947.

The ninth District Court Judge was **Edward Thaxter Gignoux**, who was appointed by President Eisenhower on August 26, 1957, and who served in active status until 1982 and in senior status until his death in 1988. Born in Cape Elizabeth, he graduated from Harvard College and Harvard Law School. Judge Gignoux had a national reputation and a celebrated career. The federal courthouse in Portland bears his name.



Congress authorized a second judgeship for the District of Maine, which was filled by **George J. Mitchell**, on October 5, 1979. A Waterville native, graduate of Bowdoin College and Georgetown Law School, and United States Attorney from 1977 to 1979, Judge Mitchell served for only six months and resigned in 1980 to accept an appointment to the United States Senate to fill the unexpired term of Senator Edmund Muskie, who had become Secretary of State.

Conrad K. Cyr served with distinction as the United States Bankruptcy Judge in Bangor for twenty years before being appointed by President Reagan on September 28, 1981. In 1989 Judge Cyr was appointed to the United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit. Born in Limestone, Judge Cyr is a graduate of Holy Cross College and Yale Law School.



President Reagan appointed **Gene Carter** as the District of Maine's twelfth judge on June 23, 1983 when Judge Gignoux assumed senior status. Born in Milbridge, Judge Carter was educated at the University of Maine and the New York University School of Law. Prior to his appointment, Judge Carter had a law practice in Bangor and also served as an Associate Justice of the Maine Supreme Judicial Court.

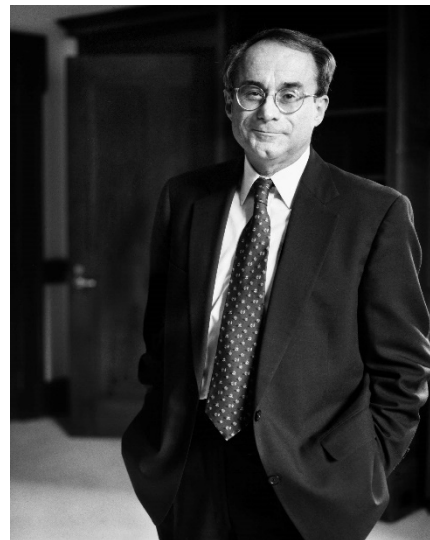
Born in Canada, **D. Brock Hornby** is a graduate of the University of Western Ontario and the Harvard Law School. A naturalized American citizen, Judge Hornby was appointed District Judge by President George H. W. Bush on April 30, 1990. Prior to his appointment, he practiced law in Portland and had served as the District of Maine's first full-time United States Magistrate and as an Associate Justice of the Maine Supreme Judicial Court.

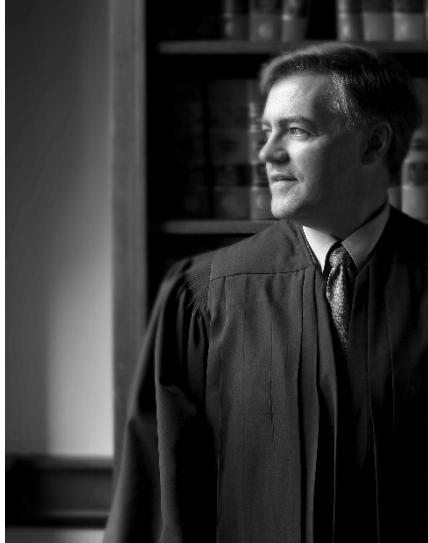




When a third judgeship was authorized, **Morton A. Brody**, who like his two immediate predecessors had previously served as an Associate Justice of the Maine Supreme Judicial Court, was appointed District Judge by President George H.W. Bush on July 25, 1991. He also previously served as a Justice of the Maine Superior Court. Born in Lewiston, Judge Brody was a graduate of Bates College and the University of Chicago Law School. Judge Brody died in 2000.

George Z. Singal was appointed to the United States District Court by President Clinton on July 11, 2000 to fill the vacancy created by the death of Judge Brody. Born in an Italian refugee camp in 1945, Judge Singal is a naturalized American citizen. His family emigrated to Bangor in 1949, where he lived and practiced law until his appointment to the Court. He is a graduate of the University of Maine and the Harvard Law School.

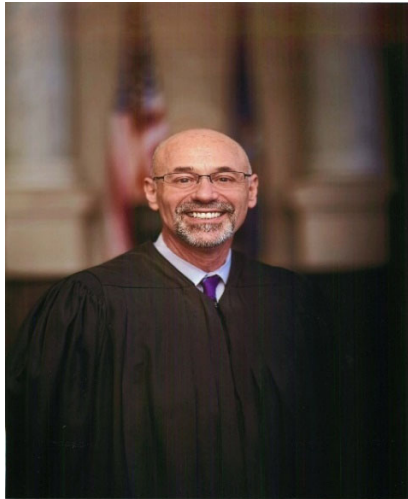




Bangor native **John A. Woodcock, Jr.** a graduate of Bowdoin College, the University of Maine School of Law and the London School of Economics was appointed District Judge by President George W. Bush on June 16, 2003 after Judge Carter assumed senior status. A longtime civil litigator, Judge Woodcock practiced law in Bangor prior to his appointment to the bench.

President Barack Obama appointed **Nancy Torresen** as Maine's seventeenth District Court Judge on October 4, 2011. Born in Ridgewood, New Jersey and raised in Michigan, Judge Torresen graduated from Hope College and the University of Michigan Law School. Prior to her appointment, Judge Torresen served as an Assistant United States Attorney, an Assistant Attorney General for Maine and a private practitioner.





Judge **Jon David Levy** is the Court's eighteenth federal district judge in the District of Maine. Before joining the federal bench, Judge Levy was an Associate Justice of the Maine Supreme Judicial Court from 2002 to 2014. He served as a Maine District Court Judge from 1995 to 2002. Prior to joining the state bench, Judge Levy worked in private practice in York, Maine from 1983 to 1995. He is a graduate of Syracuse University and the West Virginia University College of Law.

Judge **Lance E. Walker** is the Court's nineteenth federal district judge in the District of Maine. With deep roots in Maine, Judge Walker attended the University of Maine as an undergrad and then went on to the University of Maine School of Law. Judge Walker served as a law clerk to the Maine Superior Court and worked in the Portland law firm of Norman Hanson DeTroy. Judge Walker was appointed to the Maine District Court in 2014, and in 2021 he became a Justice on the Maine Superior Court.





Judge **Stacey D. Neumann** is the Court's twentieth federal district judge in the District of Maine. Judge Neumann is a graduate of James Madison University and Cornell Law School. Before joining the federal bench, Judge Neumann was a partner at Murray, Plumb & Murray in Portland, Maine. Before entering private practice, she served as an Assistant U.S. Attorney for the District of Maine. She has also worked as a public defender in the Vermont Office of the Defender General.

Magistrate Judges



Born in Brandon, Manitoba, Canada, Magistrate Judge **D. Brock Hornby** is a graduate of the University of Western Ontario and Harvard Law School. He was a law clerk to Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals Judge John Minor Wisdom. Judge Hornby was a professor of law at the University of Virginia School of Law from 1970 – 1974. He practiced law in Portland at Perkins, Thompson, Hinckley and Keddy from 1974 to 1982. Judge Hornby was the first full-time U.S. Magistrate in the District serving in Bangor and Portland from 1982 - 1988. He served as an Associate Justice of the Maine Supreme Judicial Court from 1988 - 1990. In 1990, Judge Hornby was appointed U.S. District Judge and was the Court's Chief Judge from 1996 – 2003.

December 23, 1982 – June
10, 1988
Bangor and Portland, Maine



September 9, 1963 – June 3,
1991
Bangor, Maine

A native of Bangor, Maine, Magistrate Judge **Edward H. Keith** graduated from the University of Maine and Cornell Law School. He practiced law in Bangor with his father, Ballard Keith, who also served as U.S. Commissioner in the District of Maine. Before his appointment to U.S. Magistrate, Judge Keith served as a U.S. Commissioner in this District from September 9, 1963, until his appointment as a part-time U.S. Magistrate. On February 24, 1971, Chief U.S. District Judge Edward Thaxter Gignoux appointed Edward Keith part-time Magistrate and in March of 1989, Judge Keith's service as U.S. Magistrate Judge became full-time.



January 21, 1992- January 20,
2000
Bangor, Maine

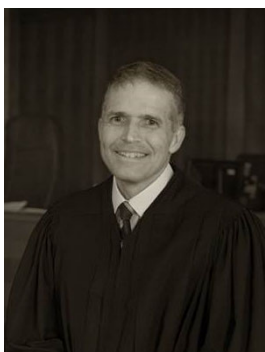
A lifelong resident of the Old Town area and graduate of St. Joseph's Academy and St. Joseph's University in New Brunswick, Magistrate Judge **Eugene W. Beaulieu** obtained his law degree from Suffolk University in Boston. He practiced law in the Old Town area for two decades and served as assistant county prosecutor for Penobscot and Piscataquis counties for eleven years. He was appointed Judge to the 3rd District Court in Bangor in 1980, and then elevated to Justice at the Penobscot County Superior Court in 1985, where he served until his appointment to United States Magistrate Judge on January 21, 1992.

Magistrate Judge **Margaret J. Kravchuk** is the District of Maine's first female U.S. Magistrate Judge. She is a Pennsylvania native, graduate of Bethany College and the University of Maine School of Law. She served as Penobscot County District Attorney for one year before being appointed to the Maine District Court bench, and then elevated to



Superior Court Justice where she served as Chief Justice. Judge Kravchuk was appointed U.S. Magistrate Judge on January 21, 2000, and retired on January 24, 2014.

January 21, 2000 – January
24, 2014
Bangor, Maine



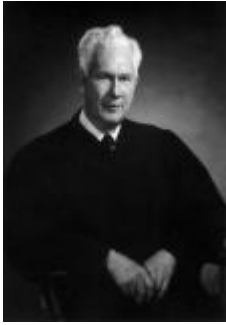
Magistrate **Judge John C. Nivison** is a Maine native, having grown up in Winslow, Maine. He is a graduate of Colby College and the University of Maine School of Law. Judge Nivison practiced law at Pierce Atwood from 1985 to 1999. In 1999, he was appointed judge of the Maine District Court by Governor Angus King. He was Chief Judge of the Maine District Court from 2005 to 2007. In 2007, Governor John Baldacci appointed Judge Nivison to the Maine Superior Court where he served until his appointment to U.S. Magistrate Judge in 2014.

January 27, 2014- present
Bangor, Maine



Magistrate Judge **Morris Cox** of Portland, Maine, graduated from Portland High School and attended Hebron Academy. He graduated from Suffolk Law School in Boston, and served in the U.S. Army during World War II. Morris Cox served the Court in several capacities. He served as the Clerk of the District Court from 1948 – 1974. During his term as Clerk, Mr. Cox served as a U.S. Commissioner in the District until his appointment as a part-time U.S. Magistrate in Portland from March 1, 1971 – June 28, 1974.

November 1, 1948 – June 28,
1974
Portland, Maine



Born in Monson, Maine, Magistrate Judge **Millard E. Emanuelson** graduated from Monson Academy, Colby College and Boston University Law School. Prior to his legal career, Millard Emanuelson taught at Coburn Classical Institute, Thornton Academy and Deering High School. He was a Navy veteran of World War II. He was an associate professor of business law at what is now known as the University of Southern Maine. He served as chairman of the Cumberland County Legal Aid Committee and as President of Pine Tree Legal Assistance. Millard Emanuelson served as U.S. Magistrate from 1972 – 1974. Following his service as U.S. Magistrate, he served as a Maine District Court Judge from 1974 until his retirement in 1984. He died on May 8, 1989.

August 15, 1972 – November
3, 1974
Portland, Maine



Magistrate Judge **Seymour Nathanson** was born in Brooklyn, New York. He graduated from the University of Maine School of Law. Mr. Nathanson served in the U.S. Navy during World War II, and served as part-time U.S. Magistrate from 1974 – 1977. Seymour Nathanson died on August 12, 1997.

August 25, 1974 – September
30, 1977
Portland, Maine



November 4, 1974 –
September 15, 1976
Portland, Maine

Magistrate Judge **William K. Tyler** was born in Fort Madison, Iowa. He attended the University of Denver where he earned his Bachelor's Degree and his LL.B. From 1963 – 1964, Mr. Tyler was an assistant county attorney. He held the position of part-time U.S. Magistrate from 1974 – 1976 and practiced law in Portland with the firm of Richardson, Hildreth, Tyler & Troubh. He was the President of the Cumberland County Bar Association in 1978 and a member of the Panel of Mediators, the Maine Labor Relations Board and the Grievance Commission of the Board of Bar Overseers.



October 1, 1977 – December
22, 1982
Portland, Maine

Born in Worcester, Massachusetts, Magistrate Judge **Melvyn Zarr** is a graduate of Clark University, Princeton University and Harvard Law School. He worked in New York City for the NAACP Legal Defense & Education Fund and then returned to Massachusetts to work at the Massachusetts Law Reform Institute where he supervised poverty law litigation. While also serving as a part-time U.S. Magistrate, Mr. Zarr taught at the University of Maine School of Law. He continues to maintain a full teaching load at the Law School while also serving as an elected member of the American Law Institute and the Maine Criminal Advisory Commission.



Born in Plainfield, New Jersey, Magistrate Judge **William S. Brownell** graduated from the University of Maine and, in 1971, he graduated from the University of Maine School of Law. His 33-year career with the U.S. District Court began in 1974 as courtroom deputy clerk for U.S. District Judge Edward T. Gignoux. He was promoted to the position of Chief Deputy Clerk in September, 1976. In 1979, Mr. Brownell was appointed part-time U.S. Magistrate, and he served simultaneously as Clerk of Court from February 4, 1980 until April 30, 2007, when he retired.

January 8, 1979 – April 30,
2007
Portland, Maine



Magistrate Judge **David M. Cohen** was born in Manchester, New Hampshire, grew up in Lewiston, Maine, and lived in the Portland, Maine area, throughout his years of practice and active service on the bench. While in college, he interned for U.S. Senator Edmund S. Muskie. He is a graduate of Bowdoin College and Boston College Law School. He served as law clerk to U.S. Circuit Judge Frank Coffin (1967 - 1968) and practiced law in Portland at Berman, Berman, Wernick & Flaherty (which later became Preti Flaherty) and then at the law firm of Petruccelli, Cohen, Erler & Cox prior to his appointment to U.S. Magistrate Judge.

October 11, 1988 – April 1,
2008
Portland, Maine

Magistrate Judge **John H. Rich III** graduated from Bowdoin College and the University of Pennsylvania Law School. He served as law clerk to U.S. District Judge Edward Thaxter



Gignoux and later practiced law for 25 years at the Portland law firm of Perkins, Thompson, Hinckley and Keddy prior to his appointment to U.S. Magistrate Judge. In addition to his service to the federal judiciary, Judge Rich is Vice Chair of the Maine Justice Action Group.

April 2, 2008 – April 1, 2022
Portland, Maine



Magistrate Judge **Karen Frink Wolf** graduated from the University of New Hampshire and Syracuse University College of Law. Before her appointment to U.S. Magistrate Judge, she was a partner at the Verrill law firm in Portland, Maine. In addition to her practice as a litigator for thirty-six years, Judge Wolf is a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers.

April 1, 2022- present
Portland, Maine