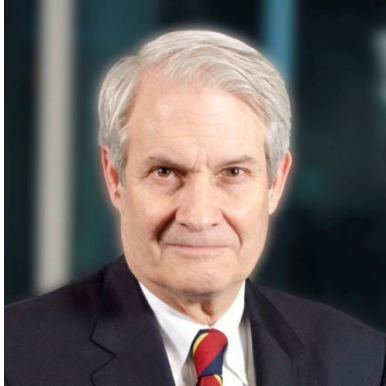


Hon. Thomas B. Griffith



Judge Thomas B. Griffith, served as a federal judge on the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit from 2005–2020. The Washington Post has described him as “widely respected by people in both parties” and a “sober lawyer with an open mind.” Judge Griffith is now focusing his practice on appellate litigation, congressional and internal investigations, and strategic counseling.

Judge Griffith began his legal career in private practice before serving for four years as Senate Legal Counsel, the nonpartisan chief legal officer of the United States Senate (1995–1999). In this capacity, he represented the interests of the Senate in litigation as well as advising Senate leadership and committees on investigations. After a brief return to private practice, Judge Griffith served for five years as General Counsel of Brigham Young University, the largest religious university in the country.

As a member of the DC Circuit, Judge Griffith was the author of approximately 200 opinions on a range of matters including administrative, environmental and energy law, and congressional investigations. He was appointed by the Chief Justice of the United States to serve on the Judicial Conference’s Committee on the Judicial Branch, which involves the judiciary’s relationship to the Executive Branch and Congress, and the Code of Conduct Committee, which sets the ethical standards that govern the federal judiciary. Judge Griffith is a Lecturer on Law at Harvard Law School, and has held the same faculty position at the law schools at Stanford and Brigham Young Universities. He has long been active in rule of law projects in Eastern Europe, Eurasia, Asia and domestically.

Areas of Expertise:

- APPELLATE
- CIVIL RIGHTS
- CORPORATE INVESTIGATIONS / WHITE COLLAR
- EMPLOYMENT / LABOR
- ENVIRONMENTAL / CERCLA
- HEALTHCARE
- INSURANCE / REINSURANCE
- MONITORING
- OIL, GAS, ENERGY & WATER
- PRODUCT LIABILITY
- TELECOMMUNICATION



Memberships:

- Member, International Advisory Board of the CEELI Institute in Prague
- Member, Advisory Board of the Neal A. Maxwell Institute for Religious Scholarship at Brigham Young University
- Senior Advisor, National Institute for Civil Discourse
- Member, Advisory Board of the Center for Constitutional Studies at Utah Valley University
- Member, the Secretary of Education's Commission on Opportunity in Athletics (the Title IX Commission) (2002–2003)
- General Counsel, Congressional Advisory Commission on Electronic Commerce (1999–2000)

Awards & Recognition:

- Distinguished Service Award, Brigham Young University (2018)
- Recipient of the David W. Peck Sr. Medal for Eminence in the Law from Wabash College (2014)

Events:

- Judge, The Ames Moot Court Competition, Harvard Law School, April 14, 2021
- Judge, Seventieth Annual Robert J. Beaudry Moot Court Competition, Georgetown University Law Center, March 31, 2021
- Speaker, Moving Forward with Civility, Utah Valley University's 2021 Annual First Amendment Conference: Looking Forward – Religious Liberty Under a New Court, March 24, 2021
- Judge, Virtual Mock Trial, Shakespeare Theatre Company, March 11, 2021
- Speaker, Retired D.C. Circuit Judge Thomas B. Griffith Presents Civic Charity: A Key to Legal Professionalism, February 25, 2021

Publications:

- Author, How judicial activism on the right and left is threatening the Constitution, Deseret Magazine, February 1, 2021
- Author, The Degradation of Civic Charity, 134 Harv. L. Rev. F. 119, 2020
- Author, Civic Charity and the Constitution, 43 Harv. J.L. & Pub. Pol'y 633, 2020
- Author, Amy Coney Barrett's Religion Won't Dictate Her Rulings, Bloomberg Opinion, October 12, 2020
- Author, Was Bork Right About Judges?, 34 Harv. J.L. & Pub. Pol'y 157, 159–62, 2011



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- JD, University of Virginia School of Law, 1985
- BA, Brigham Young University, summa cum laude, 1978