

District Judge George L. Russell III

District Judge George Levi Russell, III was born in 1965. Judge Russell obtained his B.A. degree from Morehouse College in 1988, and received his J.D. degree in 1991 from the University of Maryland School of Law. He was admitted to the Maryland Bar in 1991.

Upon graduation from law school Judge Russell served as law clerk to the Honorable Robert M. Bell, Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals of Maryland. He entered into private practice in 1992 with the law firms of Hazel and Thomas, P.C. and Whiteford Taylor and Preston, P.A. In 1994, Judge Russell became an Assistant United States Attorney for the District of Maryland Civil Division.

Judge Russell returned to private practice in 1999 accepting a position with the Law Offices of Peter G. Angelos, P.C. In 2002, Judge Russell returned to the United States Attorney's Office for the District of Maryland in the Criminal Division.

In 2007 Judge Russell was appointed to the Circuit Court for Baltimore City by Governor Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr. He was elected to a 15 year term in November 2008.

On November 10, 2011, President Barack Obama nominated Judge Russell to the United States District Court for the District of Maryland. The Senate confirmed his nomination on May 14, 2012 and Judge Russell took the oath of office on May 24, 2012.

Judge Russell has been, and continues to be, involved in community service organizations. He served on the Board of Directors for organizations such as Big Brothers Big Sisters of Maryland (2002-2004), the Community Law Center (1998-2004), and the Public Justice Center (2002-2004). Judge Russell currently serves as Trustee and Director of the Enoch Pratt Free Library (2002 to present) and as Trustee for the Historical Society of the United States District Court for the District of Maryland (2007 to present).