

**UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS**  
ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

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**NEWS RELEASE**

On June 30, 2020, Judge Andrew L. Brasher received his commission and was sworn in as a Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit. Judge Brasher, who is stationed in Birmingham, Alabama, succeeds Judge Ed Carnes of Montgomery, Alabama, who assumed senior status on June 30, 2020. The Court of Appeals has appellate jurisdiction over federal cases originating in the States of Alabama, Florida, and Georgia, and received about 5500 appeals last year.

In 2019, President Donald J. Trump appointed Judge Brasher to the United States District Court for the Middle District of Alabama. Before that appointment, Judge Brasher served five years as the Solicitor General for the State of Alabama, preceded by two years of service as Alabama's Deputy Solicitor General. He received his law degree from Harvard Law School and his Bachelor of Arts Degree from Samford University. Following his graduation from Harvard Law School, he served as a law clerk for Judge William H. Pryor Jr. of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the

Eleventh Circuit in Birmingham. For four years, Judge Brasher then worked in private practice in Birmingham, Alabama.

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