

Roundtable Discussion with Judge Allyson K. Duncan

You are invited to attend a roundtable discussion with:

The Honorable **Allyson K. Duncan**
U.S. Circuit Court Judge
4th Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals

Judge Duncan will share the changing practices in U.S. legal education to make the learning relevant for the law students. You are welcome to bring up any other topics relevant in Vietnam.

Also, please help share this event to your colleagues or your doctoral candidates.

Time: 2:00 - 3:30, August 24, 2016

Location: American Center, 170 Ngoc Khanh, Hanoi

RSVP at <https://goo.gl/VP4WtQ> or email: binhqm@state.gov by 5 p.m,
August 15, 2016.

Interpretation will be provided.

Following the roundtable discussion with the law professors, Judge Duncan will give a presentation to law students and the general public at 3:30 pm, same place. Please share this with your students and let us know if you want to bring in a group of students.

Thank you and look forward to welcoming you at the event.

American Center team in Hanoi

Judge Duncan's biography:

Following unanimous Senate confirmation, Judge Allyson Kay Duncan was sworn into office as a Judge for the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit on August 15, 2003, becoming the first African American woman to sit on that Court. Her professional career has been marked by a number of similar such "firsts:" Among others, she was also the first African American woman to sit on the North Carolina Court of Appeals, and the first African American to serve as the President of the North Carolina Bar Association.

The bulk of Judge Duncan's career has been in public service. After graduating from Hampton University and Duke University School of Law, she served as a law clerk to Judge Julia Cooper Mack of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals. From there she joined the Appellate Division of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, arguing employment discrimination cases in federal courts of appeals around the country, ultimately rising through the ranks to serve as the agency's Legal Counsel.

Judge Duncan returned to her home in North Carolina in 1986 to become an Associate Professor of Law at North Carolina Central University. She taught labor and employment law, and appellate practice, co-authoring the first text book on North Carolina Appellate Advocacy. After serving briefly on the North Carolina Court of Appeals she was appointed to the North Carolina Public Utilities Commission, where she specialized in issues involving telecommunications and electric industry restructuring. She carried that expertise into private practice, becoming a partner in a national law firm representing telecom and energy clients, until her appointment to the Fourth Circuit.

Since joining the bench, Judge Duncan has become active in the international arena as well. After serving on its Board of Directors and International Committees, she became President of the Federal Judges Association in May of 2015. In that role she represents the federal judiciary in the International Association of Judges, which is headquartered in Rome. In October of 2015, United States Chief Justice John Roberts appointed her to chair the International Judicial Relations Committee of the U.S. Judicial Conference. In serving on the Committee, she has traveled extensively, speaking and working on topics involving

Human Rights law, Counter-Terrorism, Trademark and Copyright Infringement, and Appellate Practice and Procedure.

Judge Duncan also remains active in her profession and community, serving on, among others, the Duke University Board of Trustees, where she chairs the Academic Affairs Committee.

She is married to former U.S. Magistrate Judge William A. Webb, and they have a son, Charles. She enjoys knitting, gardening, and tending and collecting orchids. In 2014, the Royal Horticultural Society in London named an orchid for her: Rhyncholaliocattleya the Hon. Allyson Duncan.