

Magistrate Judge Leonard P. Stark Nominated For The Vacant Judgeship Formerly Held By U.S. Third Circuit Court Of Appeals Judge Kent A. Jordan.

The U.S. District Court for the District of Delaware presently has two magistrate judges: Magistrate Judge Mary Pat Thyng and Magistrate Judge Leonard P. Stark. On March 17, 2010, President Obama nominated Magistrate Judge Stark to the vacant judgeship formerly held by U.S. Third Circuit Court Of Appeals Judge Kent A. Jordan. Here is an excerpt from the White House press release on Judge Stark's nomination:

Judge Leonard P. Stark is a United States Magistrate Judge for the District of Delaware, a position he has held since 2007. Previously, he was an Assistant United States Attorney for the District of Delaware and an associate in the Delaware office of Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP. He began his legal career in Wilmington, Delaware, as a law clerk to the Honorable Walter K. Stapleton of the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit. Judge Stark graduated from the University of Delaware in 1991 with three degrees: an M.A. in History, a B.S. in Economics, and a B.A. in Political Science. In 1993, he received a doctorate degree in Politics from the University of Oxford, where he studied as a Rhodes Scholar. He earned his J.D. from Yale Law School in 1996.

As of this writing, no confirmation hearing has been set for Magistrate Judge Stark and no replacement for his position has been nominated.