

**Biden judicial appointees who were public defenders or civil rights lawyers (or both) or who dedicated a significant portion of their careers to protecting people's civil and human rights:**

1. [Ketanji Brown Jackson](#) (D.C. Circuit; Supreme Court) — public defender
2. **Deborah Boardman** (District of Maryland) — public defender
3. [Candace Jackson-Akiwumi](#) (7th Circuit, Illinois) — public defender
4. [Eunice Lee](#) (2nd Circuit, New York) — public defender
5. [David Estudillo](#) (Western District of Washington)
6. **Angel Kelley** (District of Massachusetts) — public defender
7. [Veronica Rossman](#) (10th Circuit, Colorado) — public defender
8. [Margaret Strickland](#) (District of New Mexico) — public defender
9. [Lauren King](#) (Western District of Washington)
10. [Sarah Merriam](#) (District of Connecticut; 2nd Circuit, Connecticut) — public defender
11. [Gustavo Gelpí](#) (1st Circuit, Puerto Rico) — public defender
12. [Tana Lin](#) (Western District of Washington) — public defender
13. [Myrna Pérez](#) (2nd Circuit, New York)
14. [Jia Cobb](#) (District of D.C.) — public defender
15. [Michael Nachmanoff](#) (Eastern District of Virginia) — public defender
16. **Omar Williams** (District of Connecticut) — public defender
17. [Beth Robinson](#) (2nd Circuit, Vermont)
18. [Lucy Koh](#) (9th Circuit, California)
19. [Jennifer Sung](#) (9th Circuit, Oregon)
20. **Linda Lopez** (Southern District of California) — public defender
21. [David Urias](#) (District of New Mexico)
22. **Katherine Menendez** (District of Minnesota) — public defender
23. **Gabriel Sanchez** (9th Circuit, California)
24. [Holly Thomas](#) (9th Circuit, California)
25. **Charles Fleming** (Northern District of Ohio) — public defender
26. **Victoria Calvert** (Northern District of Georgia) — public defender
27. **John Chun** (Western District of Washington)
28. **Anne Traum** (District of Nevada) — public defender
29. [Alison Nathan](#) (2nd Circuit, New York)
30. [Sarah Geraghty](#) (Northern District of Georgia) — public defender
31. **Trina Thompson** (Northern District of California) — public defender
32. [Stephanie Davis](#) (Sixth Circuit, Michigan)
33. [Charlotte Sweeney](#) (District of Colorado)
34. [Nina Morrison](#) (Eastern District of New York)
35. [Ana de Alba](#) (Eastern District of California; 9th Circuit, California)
36. [Nancy Maldonado](#) (Northern District of Illinois)
37. [J. Michelle Childs](#) (D.C. Circuit)
38. [Elizabeth Hanes](#) (Eastern District of Virginia) — public defender
39. [Roopali Desai](#) (9th Circuit, Arizona)
40. [John Lee](#) (7th Circuit, Illinois)

41. [Salvador Mendoza](#) (9th Circuit, Washington)
42. [Lara Montecalvo](#) (1st Circuit, Rhode Island) — public defender
43. [Arianna Freeman](#) (3rd Circuit, Pennsylvania) — public defender
44. **Doris Pryor** (7th Circuit, Indiana) — public defender
45. [Kelley Hodge](#) (Eastern District of Pennsylvania) — public defender
46. [Mia Perez](#) (Eastern District of Pennsylvania) — public defender
47. [Kai Scott](#) (Eastern District of Pennsylvania) — public defender
48. [Cindy Chung](#) (3rd Circuit, Pennsylvania)
49. [Adrienne Nelson](#) (District of Oregon) — public defender
50. [Daniel Calabretta](#) (Eastern District of California)
51. [Jamal Whitehead](#) (Western District of Washington)
52. [Araceli Martínez-Olguín](#) (Northern District of California)
53. [Margaret Guzman](#) (District of Massachusetts) — public defender
54. **Maria Araújo Kahn** (2nd Circuit, Connecticut) — public defender
55. [Jessica Clarke](#) (Southern District of New York)
56. [Bradley Garcia](#) (D.C. Circuit)
57. [Nancy Abudu](#) (11th Circuit, Georgia)
58. [Hernán Vera](#) (Central District of California)
59. [Casey Pitts](#) (Northern District of California)
60. [Dale Ho](#) (Southern District of New York)
61. [Nusrat Choudhury](#) (Eastern District of New York)
62. [Julie Rikelman](#) (1st Circuit, Massachusetts)
63. [Natasha Merle](#) (Eastern District of New York) — public defender
64. [Tiffany Cartwright](#) (Western District of Washington)
65. [Myong Joun](#) (District of Massachusetts)
66. [Rachel Bloomekatz](#) (6th Circuit, Ohio)
67. [Jeffrey Cummings](#) (Northern District of Illinois)
68. [Rita Lin](#) (Northern District of California)
69. **Brendan Hurson** (District of Maryland) — public defender
70. [Susan DeClercq](#) (Eastern District of Michigan)
71. **Kenly Kato** (Central District of California) — public defender
72. **Julia Kobick** (District of Massachusetts)
73. [Mónica Ramírez Almadani](#) (Central District of California)
74. [Margaret Garnett](#) (Southern District of New York)
75. [Shanlyn Park](#) (District of Hawaii ) — public defender
76. **Richard Federico** (10th Circuit, Kansas) — public defender
77. [Sara Hill](#) (Northern District of Oklahoma)

**\*NOTE:** Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson, Judge Sarah Merriam, and Judge Ana de Alba are each counted twice because they each represent two lifetime confirmations — bringing the total number of lifetime confirmations on this list to 80 as of December 19, 2023.