

## Hon. Elaine D. Kaplan Newest Judge on U.S. Court of Federal Claims

Elaine D. Kaplan recently took her oath of office and became the newest judge at the U.S. Court of Federal Claims. Immediately prior to joining the bench, Judge Kaplan served as the Acting Director of the United States Office of Personnel Management.

Before serving as Acting Director of OPM, Judge Kaplan was the agency's General Counsel from 2009 to 2013. Judge Kaplan also served as head of the United States Office of Special Counsel, the federal agency charged with enforcing the civil service personnel laws. She previously was of counsel for DC-based law firm Barnebei and Katz, a firm that specialized in federal whistleblower litigation.

Judge Kaplan began her legal career as a staff attorney in the Solicitor's Office of the United States Department of Labor before joining the National Treasury Employees Union, where she worked from 1984 to 1998, returning as the union's Senior Deputy General Counsel from 2004 to 2009.

Judge Kaplan is a cum laude graduate of Georgetown Law, and a graduate of the State University of New York at Binghamton. Read her full biography [here](#).