



Chief Judge Bruce E. Kasold

Chief Judge Kasold was appointed as a Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims by the President of the United States on December 13, 2003. Judge Kasold took the oath of office on December 31, 2003. He became Chief Judge on August 7, 2010.

Before his appointment to the bench, Judge Kasold served as Chief Counsel for the Secretary of the Senate and Senate Sergeant at Arms. In that non-partisan position, he advised Senate leaders on general legal matters and issues at the forefront of the of the nation's political landscape, including the electoral college, impeachment of the President, and historical management of an evenly divided Senate.

Judge Kasold also served as Chief Counsel for the Senate Committee on Rules and Administration, where his work included marshaling the Senate's largest series of campaign finance hearings in a decade and conducting an investigation of allegations of state election fraud.

Prior to working in the Senate, Judge Kasold was a commercial and government contracts litigation attorney with the law firm Holland & Knight. Judge Kasold is also a retired United States Army Lieutenant Colonel, with service in the Air Defense Artillery and Judge Advocate General's Corps.

Judge Kasold earned a Bachelor of Science degree from the United States Military Academy, and a Juris Doctor, cum laude, from the University of Florida. He also holds an LL.M. from Georgetown University and an LL.M. equivalent from the Judge Advocate General's Graduate School. He is admitted to practice before the United States Supreme Court, the Florida Supreme Court, and the District of Columbia Court of Appeals. He is a member of the Florida Bar, the District of Columbia Bar, the Federal Bar Association, and the Order of the Coif.

Judge Kasold is married to the former Patricia Ann Gatz, and they have a son, Adam.