

Andrew N. Ferguson

Andrew N. Ferguson was sworn in April 2, 2024 as a Commissioner of the Federal Trade Commission.

Ferguson most recently served as solicitor general of the Commonwealth of Virginia. Prior to that position, he served as chief counsel to U.S. Sen. Mitch McConnell of Kentucky, the Republican leader, and as a Republican counsel on the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee. He also practiced law at several Washington, D.C. law firms. He earned his undergraduate degree and law degree from the University of Virginia. After law school, Ferguson clerked for Judge Karen L. Henderson on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit and U.S. Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas.

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EMPLOYMENT

Federal Trade Commission, Washington, DC

Commissioner, April 2024–Present

Office of the Attorney General of Virginia, Richmond, VA

Solicitor General of Virginia, January 2022–April 2024

- Chief appellate litigator for the Commonwealth of Virginia
- Managed an office of eight lawyers responsible for briefing and arguing Virginia’s appellate litigation in state and federal courts, as well as overseeing Virginia’s constitutional-defense litigation and litigation against the federal government

Antonin Scalia Law School, Arlington, VA

Adjunct Professor, Spring 2019, Spring 2021

- Courses taught: Conflict of Laws and Federal Courts

U.S. Senate Republican Leader Mitch McConnell, Washington, DC

Chief Counsel, July 2019–September 2021

- Chief legal advisor to the Majority Leader, providing counsel on constitutional, national-security, immigration, intellectual-property, election, antitrust, and criminal-justice issues
- Principal advisor to the Majority Leader on judicial nominations and confirmation strategy, including the development and execution of the Majority Leader’s strategy for the confirmation of Justice Amy Coney Barrett
- Advised the Majority Leader on the development and drafting of major tort-reform legislation to address the economic effects of the COVID-19 pandemic (the SAFE TO WORK Act)

U.S. Senate Committee on the Judiciary, Washington, DC

Chief Counsel for Nominations and the Constitution to Chairman Lindsey Graham, December 2018–July 2019

- Principal advisor to then-Chairman Graham on nominations, including the confirmation of Attorney General William P. Barr, twelve circuit judges, and dozens of district judges
- Led a team of lawyers, law clerks, and other professional staff who vetted judicial and executive-branch nominees, directed confirmation hearings for those nominees, organized their Committee votes, and assisted the Majority Leader’s staff in preparing for confirmation votes on the Senate floor
- Principal advisor to then-Chairman Graham on constitutional issues within the Committee’s legislative and oversight jurisdiction

U.S. Senate Committee on the Judiciary, Washington, DC

Senior Special Counsel to Chairman Chuck Grassley, July 2018–October 2018

- Led a team of more than a dozen lawyers and law clerks who assisted then-Chairman Grassley on the confirmation of Justice Brett Kavanaugh by reviewing documents from Justice Kavanaugh’s White House service, reviewed and analyzed Justice Kavanaugh’s judicial record, planned and executed the confirmation hearings, and prepared rapid-response materials throughout the confirmation process
- Developed the Committee’s strategy for obtaining and reviewing hundreds of thousands of White House documents, and oversaw the acquisition and review of those documents

Sidley Austin LLP, Washington, DC

Associate, January 2018–July 2018

- Represented clients in business litigation matters in state and federal trial and appellate courts
- Represented clients in antitrust and consumer-protection investigations conducted by the Federal Trade Commission and the Department of Justice

Bancroft PLLC, Washington, DC

Associate, April 2015–June 2016

- Drafted more than a dozen petitions for certiorari, merits briefs, and amicus briefs in cases before the Supreme Court, and helped prepare experienced advocates for oral arguments before the Supreme Court
- Represented clients in major appellate litigation in U.S. courts of appeals throughout the country

Covington & Burling LLP, Washington, DC

Associate, February 2014–March 2015

- Represented commercial clients in complex antitrust litigation and provided antitrust counseling and advice regarding transactions and government investigations
- Successfully defended major trade organization from tort suits filed in more than a dozen state and federal courts
- Provided *pro bono* employment law counseling to non-profit organizations

CLERKSHIPS

Hon. Clarence Thomas, Supreme Court of the United States, Washington, DC

Law Clerk, July 2016–July 2017

Hon. Karen LeCraft Henderson, U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit, Washington, DC

Law Clerk, August 2012–January 2014

EDUCATION

University of Virginia School of Law, Charlottesville, VA

J.D., 2012

- *Virginia Law Review*, Articles Editor
- Supreme Court Litigation Clinic
- Research assistant to Professors Sai Prakash and John Harrison
- Federalist Society

William & Mary School of Law, Williamsburg, VA

Completed First Year, 2009–2010

- Selected for *William & Mary Law Review*
- Bushrod T. Washington Moot Court Competition, Champion

University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA

B.A. in History, with Highest Distinction, 2009

- 2009 Dabney Prize for Most Distinguished Thesis in U.S. History
- Miller Center GAGE and Presidential Recordings Program, Research Assistant

OTHER

- Admitted to the bars of Virginia and the District of Columbia
- TS/SCI security clearance (deactivated)