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## Senate confirms second D.C. federal court nominee this week

By Ben Pershing

The Senate on Thursday confirmed [Amy Berman Jackson](#) to serve as a U.S. District Court Judge for the District of Columbia, the second time this week the chamber has approved a pick for the D.C. court.

Jackson, currently an attorney at the Washington firm Trout Cacheris, sailed through the Senate on a 97-0 vote. On Monday, the Senate confirmed [James E. Boasberg](#), who now serves as a D.C. Superior Court judge, to the U.S. District Court on a 96-0 tally.

Both nominees were recommended to the Obama administration by Del. Eleanor Holmes Norton (D-D.C.). Senators are traditionally consulted about judicial vacancies, but since the District has no senators, the White House has solicited input from Norton, who praised the Senate's action Thursday.

"Amy Berman Jackson has had an extraordinary career as a criminal and civil trial attorney," Norton said in a press release. "She is especially well-qualified for a seat on the U.S. district court here."

This week's actions mean the Senate has now approved four of Obama's nominees to the District Court in D.C. Until last December all four were stuck in a Senate logjam amid partisan squabbling. Jackson's confirmation leaves just one vacancy on the D.C. District Court.

Two vacancies remain on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit. Obama has sent up a nominee, [Caitlin Joan Halligan](#), for one of the openings.

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