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Honorable Stephen Higginson is a federal judge sitting on the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit. Judge Higginson graduated from Harvard College and Yale Law School.

After law school, Judge Higginson served as law clerk to Chief Judge Patricia Wald, District of Columbia Circuit, and to United States Supreme Court Associate Justice Byron White.

In 1989, Judge Higginson became an Assistant United States Attorney. In 2004, he began teaching at Loyola School of Law in New Orleans, continuing part-time as Chief of Appeals for the United States Attorney's

In May 2011, President Barack Obama nominated Judge Higginson for his current seat; he commenced service on November 2, 2011.