

# **Gov. Shumlin appoints Judge Geoffrey Crawford to Supreme Court**

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MONTPELIER - Gov. Peter Shumlin will appoint Judge Geoffrey Crawford to serve on the Vermont Supreme Court, replacing retired Justice Brian Burgess.

Judge Crawford has served as a trial court judge since 2002, when he was appointed by Gov. Howard Dean to the Superior Court. Previously, he was in private practice as a partner at O'Neill Crawford & Green in Burlington, where he handled a variety of civil matters, including commercial litigation and personal injury cases.

“Geoff’s compassion and his years of experience as a trial judge, where he has served with a collegial attitude and well-regarded intellect, will make him a very strong addition to the Supreme Court,” said Gov. Shumlin. “His reputation for fairness and rigor, as well as his demonstrated commitment to ensuring that our judiciary serves the needs of Vermonters, make me very proud to appoint him to the Court.”

Crawford said he is looking forward to joining the court.

“It is a joy and a great honor to serve in the Vermont judiciary with so many dedicated staff members and fellow judges all working together to ensure justice for Vermonters. I am deeply grateful for this new opportunity,” Crawford said.

In addition to serving as a trial judge, Crawford is presently a board member of Dismas of Vermont, Burlington, as well as the New England Organ Bank. He is a past recipient of the Thibodeau-Wall Award for Community Service by the Howard Center, as well as the Catherine McAuley Award by Mercy Connection. He is a graduate of Yale University and Harvard Law School. He and his wife live in Burlington and have raised five children.