

HONORABLE PAUL R. MICHEL

PAUL R. MICHEL was appointed to the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit in March of 1988. On December 25, 2004, he assumed the duties of Chief Judge. Since his elevation in 2004 to Chief Judge, he has served as one of 27 judges comprising the Judicial Conference of the United States, the governing body of the Judicial Branch. In 2005 he was appointed by the Chief Justice of the United States to serve on the seven-judge Executive Committee of the Judicial Conference.

Prior to his appointment, Chief Judge Michel served in the executive and legislative branches for 22 years. Following graduation from Williams College in 1963 and the University of Virginia Law School in 1966, Michel served as Assistant District Attorney and then Deputy District Attorney for Investigations under Arlen Specter in Philadelphia; as Assistant Special Watergate Prosecutor in 1974-1975; from 1975 to 1976 he was an assistant counsel for the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence; from 1976-1978, he served as Deputy Chief of the Justice Department's Public Integrity Section, where he directed the "Koreagate" investigation; in 1978 he was appointed as an Associate Deputy Attorney General; in 1980 he served as Acting Deputy Attorney General; from 1981 until 1988, he served on Senator Arlen Specter's staff, including as Counsel and Chief of Staff.

In 2008 Chief Judge Michel was awarded the first annual Lifetime Achievement Award by the Richard Linn American Inn of Court, the Sedona Conference Lifetime Achievement Award, the first award for "Outstanding Achievement in the Area of Intellectual Property Law" of the Philadelphia Intellectual Property Law Association, and the annual Judicial Honoree Award of the Bar Association of the District of Columbia.

Chief Judge Michel was the recipient of the 1999 Jefferson Medal, the 2002 Katz-Kiley Prize, and the 2005 Eli Whitney Prize. Since 2003, he has annually been named by *Managing Intellectual Property* magazine as one of the 50 Most Influential People in the world in intellectual property. In March 2007, Chief Judge Michel was awarded the New York Intellectual Property Law Association's Fifth Annual Outstanding Public Service Award.