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Vance Deputy Nominated to Be Federal Appellate Judge

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WASHINGTON — President Obama on Wednesday nominated Caitlin J. Halligan, a prominent New York lawyer, to be a judge on the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia. It is considered the nation's second most powerful court because it hears many lawsuits involving the federal government.

Ms. Halligan is the general counsel in the office of the Manhattan district attorney, Cyrus R. Vance Jr., as well as a lecturer at Columbia's law school. She previously spent three years as the head of the appellate practice of the law firm of Weil, Gotshal & Manges, and more than five years as the solicitor general of New York State.

A graduate of Princeton and Georgetown Law School, Ms. Halligan has also served without pay as counsel to the board that is overseeing the rebuilding of Lower Manhattan after 9/11.

In a statement, the White House described Ms. Halligan as "a leading appellate litigator in the state of New York who has demonstrated an outstanding intellect and a strong dedication to public service throughout her legal career."