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James C. Duff was appointed Director of the Administrative Office of the United States Courts on July 1, 2006, by the Chief Justice of the United States, John G. Roberts, Jr.

As Director of the federal court system, Mr. Duff oversees and coordinates an annual budget of \$7 billion and 35,000 employees nationwide. He is Secretary to the Judicial Conference of the United States and as such provides staff support to all Conference committees. Mr. Duff is an ex officio member of the Executive Committee of the Judicial Conference. He serves on the Board of Directors of the Federal Judicial Center, is former chair of the Supreme Court Fellows Commission, and is a board member of the Supreme Court Historical Society. He has been an adjunct faculty member (Constitutional Law) at Georgetown University for ten years; served as counsel and secretary to The Freedom Forum, Inc., The Newseum, Inc., the First Amendment Center, Inc., and the Diversity Institute, Inc.; was legislative counsel to the Federal Judges Association; and served on the Lawyers Committee of the National Center for State Courts.

Prior to his appointment as Director of the Administrative Office, Mr. Duff was managing partner of the Washington office of the law firm of Baker, Donelson, Bearman, Caldwell & Berkowitz. From 1996 to 2000, he served as Administrative Assistant to Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist and was his liaison with Congress, the executive branch, and various state and federal organizations involved in the administration of justice. He also assisted the Chief Justice in his role as presiding officer of the presidential impeachment trial, as chair of the Judicial Conference, as chair of the Federal Judicial Center Board, and as Chancellor of the Smithsonian Institution.

Earlier in his career, Mr. Duff was a partner at Clifford & Warnke where he worked for twelve years until the firm merged in part with Howrey & Simon where he was a litigation partner for five years. He also worked in Chief Justice Warren E. Burger's chambers for four years while attending Georgetown Law Center. He is a member of the D.C. Bar and has practiced law for twenty-five years.

Mr. Duff earned his B.A. degree (*magna cum laude*), Phi Beta Kappa, High Distinction in Honors Program, at the University of Kentucky in 1975, where he was a walk-on on the basketball team, and his J.D. degree at Georgetown University Law Center in Washington, D.C. in 1981. He also attended the University of Edinburgh, Scotland.

Mr. Duff is married to Kathleen Gallagher-Duff, a lawyer at Covington & Burling, and they have three children.