

Former Georgia Chief Justice Nahmias Joins Prestigious Law Firm Jones Day

Former Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Georgia, David E. Nahmias, has joined Jones Day as a partner based in the Atlanta Office. He will lead the Investigations & White Collar Defense team in Atlanta and work with the Firm's Issues & Appeals Practice. Mr. Nahmias served as a Justice on Georgia's highest court for almost 13 years, during which time he wrote more than 470 opinions and joined more than 2,700 others. He was appointed to the Georgia Supreme Court by then-Governor Sonny Perdue in 2009, won two statewide nonpartisan elections to six-year terms, served as Presiding Justice from 2018-2021, and became Chief Justice in July 2021. He resigned from the Supreme Court effective July 17, 2022.

Before his appointment to the state Supreme Court, Mr. Nahmias spent nearly 15 years with the U.S. Department of Justice. He started as an Assistant U.S. Attorney in Atlanta, handling numerous significant fraud, public corruption, and domestic terrorism cases and trying nine jury trials as lead counsel. After the 9/11 terrorist attacks, Mr. Nahmias served as Counsel to the Assistant Attorney General and then Deputy Assistant Attorney General for the Criminal Division at Main Justice, overseeing the Counterterrorism, Fraud, and Appellate Sections. In 2004, he was nominated by President Bush and unanimously confirmed by the U.S. Senate to serve as the United States Attorney for the Northern District of Georgia, overseeing all of that large district's criminal and civil cases for almost five years before going on the bench. Mr. Nahmias also served on the Attorney General's Advisory Committee and chaired the AGAC's White Collar Crime Subcommittee.

Jones Day is thrilled to have Mr. Nahmias join their team, as he is widely viewed as one of the most influential justices to serve on the state's Supreme Court in the last generation. He is respected throughout Georgia's business and legal communities as a lawyer of great integrity and intellect and has deep civic connections in Atlanta. His experience as a highly experienced and nationally known prosecutor who has overseen virtually every type of government investigation and federal prosecution, including significant fraud, corruption, and terrorism matters, will be a valuable asset to Jones Day's clients as they counsel them on legal defense strategies and respond to investigations.

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Mr. Nahmias joins a team at Jones Day that has helped clients navigate many of the most significant U.S. and cross-border investigations and white-collar criminal defense matters in recent decades. He will work with a global team of experienced lawyers to defend companies, institutions, and individuals against government investigations and to counsel clients in regulatory, litigation, and compliance matters. He brings broad legal knowledge from his time on the bench, as a federal prosecutor, and in private practice, which will complement Jones Day's already top-notch ability to develop and execute strategies to solve their client's most complex legal challenges.

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Mr. Nahmias was born and raised in the Atlanta area, the son of immigrants from Egypt and Germany. He earned his undergraduate degree from Duke University, where he graduated summa cum laude and second in his class, and his law degree from Harvard Law School, where he graduated magna cum laude and served on the Harvard Law Review. He then served as a law clerk for Judge Laurence H. Silberman of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia and Justice Antonin Scalia of the U.S. Supreme Court. Mr. Nahmias is excited to join Jones Day's Atlanta Office and work in the Firm's outstanding Investigations & White Collar Defense Practice while offering insights from his appellate experience to the Firm's renowned Issues & Appeals Practice.

REFERENCES:

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