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## **D.C. Superior Court Nominees Voted Out of Committee**

The U.S. Senate will consider two nominees for District of Columbia Superior Court following a favorable vote yesterday by a Senate committee.

Nominees Robert Okun and Michael O'Keefe appeared a week ago before the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs for their confirmation hearing. They faced no opposition.

There are five current or expected vacancies on the Superior Court bench. Okun and O'Keefe are the only nominees before the Senate. The White House is weighing possible nominees for the other judicial seats recommended by the local body that vets applicants for the local courts, the District of Columbia Judicial Nomination Commission.

Okun is chief of the special proceedings division of the U.S. attorney's office in Washington. O'Keefe is a longtime local solo practitioner with a criminal defense and family law practice. Both were nominated by President Barack Obama in March.

Okun was originally nominated in September, but the Senate didn't take action on his nomination before the end of the year and he was returned to the White House in January.

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