

Judge Merrick Garland

President Barack Obama has nominated veteran appeals court judge Merrick Garland to be the next U.S. Supreme Court Justice



■ Garland, 63, a moderate who has earned praise from lawmakers of both parties, was born in Chicago

■ As principal associate deputy attorney general, led prosecutions including 1995 Oklahoma City bombing and that of so-called “Unabomber” **Ted Kaczynski**

■ Appointed to U.S. Court of Appeals for District of Columbia Circuit by President **Bill Clinton** in 1997 – approved by Senate on 76-23 vote

■ Served in Justice Department during Clinton administration and featured on Obama’s previous short lists as potential Supreme Court nominee in 2009 and 2010