

DEMAND JUSTICE

Justice Beth Robinson Key Facts

Nominated to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit

- Justice Beth Robinson has served on the Vermont Supreme Court since 2011. She was nominated by Governor Peter Shumlin and confirmed unanimously by the Vermont Senate.
- Justice Robinson was a civil rights advocate and plaintiff's lawyer for eighteen years at the Vermont-based firm Langrock, Sperry & Wool, where she focused primarily on civil cases.
 - Justice Robinson served as co-counsel in *Baker v. State*, a landmark 1999 case that led to Vermont becoming the first state in the nation to recognize civil unions for same-sex couples.
- In 2011, Robinson served as the top legal adviser to Governor Peter Shumlin, helping to craft legislation and policy. She played a leading role in shepherding legislation that allowed same-sex couples to marry in Vermont.
- Justice Robinson is the first openly LGBT justice to serve on the Vermont Supreme Court and if confirmed would be the first openly LGBT judge on the Second Circuit. She also would be the first openly LGBT woman to serve as a federal circuit judge in history and only the third openly LGBT federal circuit judge.
- Justice Robinson received her B.A. from Dartmouth College and her J.D. from the University of Chicago Law School.