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Judge Sypolt was appointed to the United States Court of Federal Claims (then the United States Claims Court) by President George Herbert Walker Bush on October 17, 1990. She entered on duty on October 22, 1990.

She received a B.A. in 1969 from Smith College, where she studied Spanish and medieval comparative literature and took graduate courses in education. She was a visiting student at Stanford University Law School and Georgetown University Law Center, and received her J.D. degree in 1979 from Boston University Law School, which awarded her its Young Lawyers' Chair in 1989.

Prior to her appointment to the Court, Judge Sypolt served in the Executive Branch as, successively: Assistant General Counsel at the Office of Management and Budget; Deputy General Counsel for Departmental Services and Human Rights, and Acting General Counsel of the United States Department of Education.

In 1988, Judge Sypolt was appointed to be Legal Counsel to Vice President Dan Quayle, in which capacity she also served as Counsel to the President's Competitiveness Council.

After graduating from law school, she served as a law clerk to D.C. Court of Appeals Judge Catherine B. Kelly and was associated in private practice, specializing in business and securities law, with the D.C. firm of Peabody, Lambert & Meyers.

She has organized and participated in many international conferences and programs involving the democratization process and human rights issues. Currently, she serves as a master and the membership chair of the Federal American Inn of Court, of which she is a past president, and as a member of the board of directors of the Democracy Development Institute, an affiliate of the Federal Bar Association. She volunteered regularly, over a 12-year period, at the Hospice of Washington.

Judge Sypolt is married to Dwight Douglas Sypolt and has two sons, Andrew and David Weinstein, from a prior marriage. She is a member of the bars of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the District of Columbia.