

Rep. Bob Goodlatte (R-VA-6)



Background

Bob Goodlatte, a Republican first elected in 1992, took over in 2013 as chairman of the Judiciary Committee. He often manages to find common ground with Democrats on technology and patent matters, but not on gun control, immigration and other hot-button social issues. He attended Bates College in Maine, and then went on to law school at Washington and Lee University. After college, he got a job on the staff of Republican US Rep. Caldwell Butler of Roanoke. Goodlatte practiced law in Roanoke and stayed active in politics. In 1992, when Democrat Jim Olin retired, Goodlatte won the seat 60-40%. Goodlatte is one of the House's most conservative members on fiscal and social issues. In recent years, Goodlatte's zeal for deficit reduction has made him more willing to break with his party on foreign policy. Goodlatte got the Judiciary gavel after the previous chairman, GOP Rep. Lamar Smith, reached the term limit. He is staunchly against a pathway to citizenship for illegal immigrants and universal background checks for gun purchasers. But Goodlatte has another, less partisan side. The lawmaker co-chairs the bipartisan Congressional Internet Caucus and often has worked with Democratic members on tech issues. With his tenure as chairman of the Judiciary Committee sent to end in December 2018, Goodlatte announced he would not be running for re-election in late 2017.

Committees

- Judiciary*
- Agriculture

Biography

First Elected: 1992

Education:
Bates Col., B.A. 1974, Washington & Lee U., J.D.
1977

Religion: Christian Scientist

Family:
Marital Status: Married, Spouse: Maryellen
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Election Results

2016 General

Bob Goodlatte (R)	225,471	67%
Kai Degner (D)	112,170	33%

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