

Honorable Judge Milton C. Lee, Jr.
Associate Judge
Superior Court of the District of Columbia

Milton C. Lee, Jr. was appointed to the District of Columbia Superior Court in 2010 by President Barack Obama.

Judge Lee is a native of the District of Columbia. He received his Bachelor of Arts from the American University School of Justice in 1982. He obtained his Juris Doctor from the Catholic University of America's Columbus School of Law.

Following law school, Judge Lee joined the District of Columbia Public Defender Service as a staff attorney. There he served as a trial attorney for many years, representing indigent persons in the Family, Misdemeanor, and Felony Divisions of the Superior Court. He also argued a number of appellate cases before the District of Columbia Court of Appeals.

Judge Lee took leave from the Public Defender Service and taught as a Visiting Associate Professor of Law at Georgetown University Law Center in the Criminal Justice Clinic. He also served as a supervisor in the E. Barrett Prettyman Program. He returned briefly to the Public Defender Service as Deputy Trial Chief where he had oversight of the daily operations of the trial division. In 1993 Judge Lee joined the faculty at the former District of Columbia School of Law, where he supervised students in the Juvenile Law Clinic. Judge Lee continued his focus in the classroom, teaching Evidence, Criminal Law and Procedure, Advanced Criminal Procedure, Trial Advocacy, and Wills and Estates. In 1995 he received the Professor of the Year from the student body. In 2004 he received the same award for his service as a member of the adjunct faculty.

Judge Lee joined the District of Columbia Superior Court as a Magistrate Judge in November 1998. Since his appointment, Judge Lee has served in Criminal and Civil Divisions of the court as well as in the Family Court. He served as the presiding magistrate judge from 2006 until his nomination. Judge Lee has remained active in the both the legal and academic communities. He has continues to serve the law school community as an adjunct faculty member, and in 1995 published an article analyzing the recent amendments to the Court's juvenile detention statute. Judge Lee and the members of the Juvenile Law Clinic published a manual for practitioners in the area of special education advocacy. Judge Lee later authored an article entitled "What Truth Do We Seek?" supporting greater discovery in criminal cases.

After serving on the Superior Court Task Force for Families and Violence, Judge Lee assisted in the development of the Teen Court Diversion Program. In addition, Judge Lee has been a consistent contributor to the Criminal Practice Institute, Neglect Practice Institute as well as many other local bar programs. He has also taught in the Harvard Trial Advocacy Program for several years.

Recently Judge Lee has spearheaded the development of the District of Columbia Superior Court's Fathering Court. The initiative represents a partnership between the Court, several

governmental agencies and the private sector directed toward creating opportunities for non-custodial parents to become meaningful contributors to the development of their children. The initiative has worked with many reentry parents by providing employment, educational training, parenting training and support groups as well as wrap around services for the entire family. The Fathering Court Initiative has garnered national recognition for its innovative problem-solving approach to reunited families.