

**THE HONORABLE JOSEPH E. BESHOURI
MAGISTRATE JUDGE
SUPERIOR COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

Joseph E. Beshouri was installed as a Magistrate Judge on March 16, 2009.

Magistrate Judge Beshouri was born and raised nearby Detroit, Michigan. During his senior year in high school, and for almost a decade thereafter, he played drums and percussion professionally, first as a performing musician throughout the Midwest and then as a session musician in Miami, Florida. While doing session work he was separately employed by *Sound Advice*, a high-end audio electronics firm based in Ft. Lauderdale, eventually becoming the area sales manager for its four retail locations on Florida's west coast.

While employed at *Sound Advice* Mr. Beshouri attended the University of South Florida, where in 1982 he received his Bachelor of Arts degree in International Studies. He received his law degree in 1986 from the Columbus School of Law, Catholic University of America. During his last two years as a law student he participated in the Criminal Division of the Law Students in Court Program.

After graduating from law school in 1986, Mr. Beshouri founded his own criminal practice, which continued for twenty-three years until his appointment as Magistrate Judge. Licensed in both the District and Maryland, he represented defendants charged in Superior Court, in Maryland's District and Circuit courts, and in the Federal courts for both districts. The cases he defended were far-ranging, although for most of his last decade in practice he specialized in complex federal litigation, to include gang-racketeering cases, transnational crimes, and death-penalty prosecutions.