

THE HONORABLE FLORENCE Y. PAN
ASSOCIATE JUDGE
SUPERIOR COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Florence Y. Pan was nominated to the Superior Court bench by President Barack Obama on March 24, 2009, and sworn in on June 8, 2009.

Judge Pan was born in New York City, and was raised in Tenafly, New Jersey. She received her two undergraduate degrees, *summa cum laude*, from the University of Pennsylvania in 1988; and her law degree, with distinction, from Stanford Law School in 1993.

After graduation from law school, Judge Pan served as a law clerk to the Honorable Michael B. Mukasey, United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, and then as a law clerk to the Honorable Ralph K. Winter, United States Courts of Appeals for the Second Circuit. Following her clerkships, Judge Pan spent one year as a Bristow Fellow in the Office of the Solicitor General, U.S. Department of Justice. She then served in the Appellate Section of the Criminal Division at the Department of Justice, and as Senior Adviser to the Undersecretary of Domestic Finance at the U.S. Department of the Treasury.

In 1999, Judge Pan joined the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Columbia. While at the U.S. Attorney's Office, Judge Pan prosecuted homicides and other violent crimes in the Superior Court, as well as organized-crime and narcotics-trafficking cases in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia. She was one of the prosecutors in the case of *United States v. Kenneth Simmons, et al*, which was a six-month federal trial of six defendants, who were charged in an 158-count indictment (along with lead defendant Kevin Gray), based on their membership in a criminal gang that the media dubbed "Murder Inc."

In 2007, Judge Pan was promoted to serve as the Deputy Chief of the Appellate Division of the U.S. Attorney's Office, where she supervised criminal appeals in the District of Columbia Court of Appeals and in the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit. As Deputy Chief, Judge Pan reviewed briefs and prepared attorneys for appellate arguments; and provided legal advice and training to attorneys and law-enforcement officers. In addition, she handled cases involving difficult legal issues, including the case of *United States v. Paul Askew*, which she argued before the *en banc* D.C. Circuit.

In addition to her court duties, Judge Pan is an Adjunct Professor of Law at the Washington College of Law, American University, where she teaches Criminal Procedure.

Judge Pan is married to Max Stier. They are proud parents of two sons.