

**THE HONORABLE MELVIN R. WRIGHT**  
**ASSOCIATE JUDGE**  
**SUPERIOR COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

Judge Melvin R. Wright was appointed to the Superior Court of the District of Columbia in 1998 by President William Jefferson Clinton.

Judge Wright was born in Baltimore, Maryland. He attended Calvin Coolidge High School in Washington, D.C. and graduated in 1968. He received his Bachelor of Arts degree in political science from the University of the District of Columbia in 1977 and his law degree in 1982 from the Georgetown University Law Center in Washington, D.C.

Judge Wright joined the Superior Court of the District of Columbia as a Landlord and Tenant/Small Claims Clerk in June 1972. He was promoted to Bailiff in 1973, to Civil Pretrial Clerk and then Civil Courtroom Clerk in 1974, and to Civil Motions Clerk in 1977.

In June 1981, Judge Wright obtained a judicial clerkship with the late Superior Court Associate Judge Robert A. Shuker, in which he worked in felony trials. From January 1983 through January 1986, Judge Wright was an Assistant U.S. Attorney for the District of Columbia, rotating through the misdemeanor, appellate, grand jury, and felony trial sections of the Office. In February 1986, Judge Wright joined the law firm of Montedonico, Hamilton & Altman as an Associate Attorney, where he worked on civil and criminal trials. He became a partner in September 1991, remaining with the firm until his appointment to the bench.

Judge Wright was a member of the Task Force on Gender Bias in the District of Columbia Courts in 1991 and 1992. He is a member of the Session of the Church of the Redeemer, Presbyterian from 1998 to 2001 and is a Member of the Board of the Robert A. Shuker Scholarship Fund, an organization which raises money for District of Columbia students who wish to attend college and law school.