



## **Two District Attorneys Appointed as Superior Court Magistrate Judges**

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On October 26 Chief Judge Lee F. Satterfield of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia appointed Rainey Ransom Brandt and Gretchen Rohr as magistrate judges.

“The addition of these two very qualified and dedicated attorneys to our bench will enhance our ability to serve the people of the District of Columbia,” Satterfield said. “They are both experts in their field and have demonstrated a commitment to serving their community.”

Brandt is a familiar face around the courthouse, having served as special counsel for each of the past three chief judges of the D.C. Superior Court. In this role, Brandt organized two Fugitive Safe Surrender initiatives, which encourage people with outstanding warrants to turn themselves in. She also has spearheaded projects aimed at improving court efficiency and coordinated mentoring programs for students at Thurgood Marshall Academy.

“Her expertise, insight, and broad understanding of the Superior Court and the D.C. criminal justice system will make her a first-rate judge,” Chief Judge Satterfield said.

With her appointment, Rohr will serve as chair of the court’s Mental Health Commission and will preside over the Juvenile Mental Health Diversion Court. Previously, Rohr was the director of the D.C. Jail and Prison Advocacy Project of the University Legal Services, representing those with mental illness. During her tenure, she created an interdisciplinary initiative for diverting these individuals to community-based, self-directed treatment.

“Gretchen has devoted her career to ensuring due process, dignity, and fairness to those with mental illness. She is an expert in this field and a very capable lawyer. We are most fortunate to have her join our bench in the role of chair of the D.C. Mental Health Commission,” Satterfield said.—*T.L.*