

THE HONORABLE RAHKEL BOUCHET
MAGISTRATE JUDGE
SUPERIOR COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Rahkel Bouchet was appointed by Chief Judge Lee F. Satterfield on January 4, 2016.

Judge Bouchet was born and raised in Los Angeles, California where her mother, Margo Bouchet, is a family law practitioner. Judge Bouchet graduated from Immaculate Heart High School in 1990, at 16 years of age, and traveled to England, Germany, France, Poland and Russia as a People to People student ambassador. Judge Bouchet graduated *cum laude* from Howard University, her parents' alma mater, in 1993, receiving her B.A. in Legal Communications. While attending Howard, she served as a congressional intern and assistant press secretary for Congressman Walter R. Tucker, III, in California's 37th congressional district. After graduating from Howard, Judge Bouchet entered the Howard University School of Law, her mother's alma mater. While at Howard Law, she was a founding member of the Trial Advocacy Moot Court Team.

Since graduating from Howard Law in 1997, Judge Bouchet has been admitted to practice law in five jurisdictions: California, New York, Tennessee, Texas and the District of Columbia. Judge Bouchet passed each required examination on her first attempt. In 2008, Judge Bouchet returned to the D.C. metropolitan area and started her own law practice. She is an experienced litigator, with an expansive law practice that included Real Estate, Bankruptcy, Criminal, and all aspects of Family Law matters, including Adoptions. Her practice also included success before the District of Columbia Court of Appeals in criminal and family law matters. She is also an experienced mediator. Judge Bouchet maintained her law practice until her appointment as a Magistrate Judge.

In 2013, while maintaining her private practice, Judge Bouchet joined the faculty at Howard University School of Law, as the Supervising Attorney of the Child Welfare/Family Justice Clinic, supervising law students in the representation of parents and caretakers in abuse and neglect matters in the District of Columbia. She also taught Civil Procedure at Howard School of Law Paralegal Studies Program.

Judge Bouchet is an active member of her community and has served on boards with several community organizations and committees, including but not limited to The National Bar Association and Howard University Alumni Association.

Judge Bouchet is the proud mother of two children, Dominique and Stephen.