

THE HONORABLE MARISA J. DEMEO
ASSOCIATE JUDGE
SUPERIOR COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

In March of 2009, President Obama nominated Marisa J. Demeo to become an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia. The Senate confirmed her nomination, and she was sworn in on May 10, 2010. Since then, she has served in the Criminal Division and the Domestic Violence Unit of the Superior Court as a trial judge. She currently serves as the Chair of the Hispanic Bar Association of the District of Columbia Judicial Council.

Judge Demeo graduated from Princeton University in 1988, where she received her Bachelor of Arts degree in Politics with a concentration in Latin American studies. In 1993, she received her Juris Doctor from New York University School of Law (NYU), where she served on the *Law Review*. At NYU, Ms. Demeo was selected as a Root-Tilden Scholar for her academic achievement and commitment to public interest.

After graduating from law school, Judge Demeo served with distinction as an Honors Program trial attorney in the Department of Justice's Civil Rights Division, where she prosecuted public employers for pattern or practice employment discrimination in federal courts around the country. In 1997, she began working for the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund (MALDEF), a national Latino civil rights organization. After a short period as a staff attorney at MALDEF, Judge Demeo was promoted to head the D.C. office, where she served as the national advocate for MALDEF on a wide array of Latino civil rights issues. In 2004, Judge Demeo joined the United States Attorney's Office for the District of Columbia (USAO) as an Assistant United States Attorney, where she prosecuted criminal cases.

In 2007, Judge Demeo was appointed as a Magistrate Judge. From August of 2007 through 2009, she served as a trial judge in cases involving criminal traffic and minor misdemeanor charges. In 2010, before becoming an Associate Judge, she handled preliminary and detention hearings for misdemeanor and felony cases.

Ms. Demeo has taught a course on problem solving courts at Georgetown University School of Law. She also taught criminal procedure and immigration law at Howard University School of Law.