

THE HONORABLE RICHARD A. LEVIE
SENIOR JUDGE
SUPERIOR COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Judge Richard A. Levie was appointed to the Superior Court of the District of Columbia in 1985 by President Ronald Reagan. Judge Levie took senior status in 2000. Judge Levie has been reappointed as a senior judge in 2004, 2008, 2012 and 2016.

Judge Levie received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Dickinson College and his Juris Doctor degree from the George Washington University Law School.

Following law school, Judge Levie clerked for the Hon. Joseph C. Waddy of the United States District Court for the District of Columbia. He then worked as a staff attorney in the Appellate Section of the Criminal Division at the U.S. Department of Justice. Upon leaving the Justice Department, Judge Levie worked for three years in private practice where he handled civil and criminal cases at both the trial and appellate levels.

In 1976 Judge Levie began work at the Commodity Futures Trading Commission where he was a staff attorney in the Enforcement Division; special counsel in the Office of General Counsel and chief counsel in the Enforcement Division. In 1980 Judge Levie joined the Federal Programs Branch in the Civil Division at the Department of Justice where he was a staff attorney, Special Litigation Counsel and Senior Litigation Counsel (SES) until his appointment to the bench.

At the Superior Court Judge Levie served in the Civil, Criminal and Family Divisions including assignments in Civil I and Felony I. He was one of two judges who initiated the system of individual assignment of juvenile cases in the Family Division and one of two judges who handled the experimental civil calendars that formed the basis for use of individual case assignments and differentiated case management in the Civil Division. Judge Levie served as Deputy Presiding and Presiding Judge of the Civil Division and Multi-Door Dispute Resolution Divisions. He also sat by designation on the D.C. Court of Appeals.

From 1987-2003 Judge Levie taught trial advocacy at the George Washington University Law School and taught at the National Judicial College, the National Institute for Trial Advocacy, the Attorney General's Advocacy Institute and the Trial Advocacy Workshop at Harvard Law School.