

THE HONORABLE JULIET J. MCKENNA
ASSOCIATE JUDGE
SUPERIOR COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Juliet J. McKenna was appointed as an Associate Judge to the Superior Court of the District of Columbia in 2005. Ms. McKenna graduated *summa cum laude* from Georgetown University in 1992 and received her law degree from Yale Law School in 1995.

After law school, Ms. McKenna joined the law firm of Crowell & Moring. The following year, she became a trial attorney with the Office of Corporation Counsel (now the Office of Attorney General), prosecuting civil child abuse and neglect matters on behalf of the District of Columbia. In 1998, Judge McKenna began her work with Lawyers for Children America, a non-profit organization that trained and provided ongoing support to pro bono attorneys appointed as *guardians ad litem* on behalf of children in the abuse and neglect system. In 1999, she received the Arthur Liman Public Service Fellowship, an award to Yale Law School graduates who demonstrate a commitment to serving the public interest through the law, to fund her work.

Judge McKenna was among the first five magistrate judges appointed in April 2002 to the Superior Court pursuant to the Family Court Act of 2001. In that capacity, she presided primarily over child abuse and neglect matters, as well as numerous related adoption, custody, juvenile and domestic violence proceedings. As an Associate Judge, she has served in both the Family Court and the Criminal Division, handling both misdemeanor and felony cases.

Judge McKenna has served as a member of numerous D.C. Superior Court committees tasked with improving court procedures and practices including the Family Court Implementation Committee, the Family Court Panels Committee, and the Training Committee. Judge McKenna currently Chairs the Criminal Justice Act Panels Committee and is a member of the Arts Committee.

Judge McKenna served as an Adjunct Professor of Law at the Georgetown Law Center for several years, teaching Child Welfare Practice in the District of Columbia.