

**THE HONORABLE JUDITH E. RETCHIN
SENIOR JUDGE
SUPERIOR COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

Judge Retchin was appointed to the Bench by President George H.W. Bush and served as an associate judge from July 1992 to December 2010. In December, 2010, she became a senior judge.

Judge Retchin grew up in West Babylon, New York and graduated from West Babylon Senior High School in 1970. She received her B.A. degree from the George Washington University in 1974 and her J.D. degree from the Catholic University of America's Columbus School of law in 1978.

In 1978, she began her career in public service as a trial attorney at the Civil Aeronautics Board, and in 1980 she joined the Antitrust Division of the U.S. Department of Justice. From 1983 to 1992, she was an assistant U.S. attorney for the District of Columbia prosecuting hundreds of felony cases including public corruption matters and crimes of violence in the Superior Court of the District of Columbia and the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia.

Judge Retchin has served in the Criminal, Civil and Family Divisions and the Domestic Violence Unit of the Court. She has presided over thousands of cases including complex felony trials, commercial disputes, and medical malpractice trials. As an active judge she served on many committees including the Criminal Justice Act Panel and Implementation Committee to improve the quality of legal representation for indigent defendants in the District of Columbia.

In addition to her work for the Court, Judge Retchin has served on numerous moot courts and participated in the Inns of Court. She also has taught trial techniques at Emory Law School for many years. She has trained judges and prosecutors in Sarajevo, Bosnia and Nairobi, Kenya on behalf of the U.S. Department of Justice. For over twenty years she has been a mentor and tutor to several at-risk children.