

THE HONORABLE SHANA FROST MATINI
ASSOCIATE JUDGE
SUPERIOR COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Judge Shana Frost Matini was appointed an Associate Judge in 2019. Prior to that, she served as a Magistrate Judge from 2016 until her appointment as an Associate Judge.

Judge Matini was raised in New York City, and received her Bachelor of Arts degree in International Affairs from the George Washington University. Prior to law school, Judge Matini taught English at the Language Teacher's Training College in Słupsk, Poland. She returned to the District of Columbia to attend law school at the District of Columbia School of Law (now the University of the District of Columbia David A. Clarke School of Law). Judge Matini served as Editor-in-Chief of the District of Columbia Law Review and graduated magna cum laude in 1996. After law school, Judge Matini served as a judicial law clerk for the Honorable Richard A. Levie of the D.C. Superior Court.

Prior to joining the Superior Court bench, Judge Matini served as an Assistant Attorney General in the Civil Litigation Division of the Office of the Attorney General for the District of Columbia. In that position, Judge Matini served as lead counsel in cases brought against the District of Columbia in both the D.C. Superior Court and the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia, defending the District and its employees in a wide variety of cases involving alleged constitutional violations, as well as common law torts and statutory violations. Prior to her work with the Office of the Attorney General, Judge Matini worked with Judge Richard Levie for several years in his capacity as Special Master in the federal RICO lawsuit brought by the United States government against the tobacco industry, and served as Senior Legal Fellow for the Einstein Institute for Science, Health and the Courts.

Judge Matini is married to Dr. Ali Matini, and has one daughter.