

**HONORABLE NOEL T. JOHNSON
MAGISTRATE JUDGE
SUPERIOR COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

Noel T. Johnson was appointed Magistrate Judge by Chief Judge Rufus G. King III on April 6, 2002.

Judge Johnson was born in New Orleans Louisiana and lived there until age nine. His family then relocated to Washington, D.C., where his father made the transition from teaching university mathematics and physics to computerized ship design with the federal Maritime Administration. His mother, a native of Baltimore, spent her considerable energies caring for their four children.

After graduating from the Catholic University of America, Judge Johnson worked as a studio cameraman for local television station WDCA-TV in Bethesda, Maryland. He later attended the Tulane University School of Law and received his J.D. in 1985. While in law school, he clerked for a federal magistrate, interned for the Office of the United States Attorney for the District of Columbia, and worked as a research assistant for two law professors.

After law school, Judge Johnson served as a legal assistant at the firm of Fried, Frank, Harris, Shriver, and Jacobson. There he worked on high-profile insider trading litigation and edited training materials on banking and securities law. He then worked as a law clerk for the D.C. Office of Bar Counsel.

In 1987, Judge Johnson was hired as an attorney at the Office of the Attorney General (OAG) for the District of Columbia (then known as the "Office of the Corporation Counsel"). For three years, he served as trial counsel in the Child Support Section. In that capacity, he sought to establish paternity and to establish, modify, and enforce child support orders. In 1990, he was appointed Assistant Section Chief, and in 1993 became Chief of the Child Support Section.

During his tenure as OAG's Child Support Section Chief, Judge Johnson crafted innovative paternity and support legislation and participated in the design of the District's automated data processing system. Also while serving as Section Chief, he wrote procedures for the integration of child support services into the District's Domestic Violence Intake Center. When the DVIC opened its doors in November 1996, Judge Johnson became OAG's Director of Child Support Operations in the new facility. In that capacity, he was responsible for policy and procedural oversight while personally litigating a high volume of paternity and support matters.