

**THE HONORABLE MARISA J. DEMEO**  
**ASSOCIATE JUDGE**  
**SUPERIOR COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

In March of 2009, President Obama nominated Marisa J. Demeo to become an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia. The Senate confirmed her nomination, and she was sworn in on May 10, 2010. She currently serves as the Presiding Judge of the Criminal Division and a trial judge handling murders and sexual assaults.

She has served as the Deputy Presiding Judge of the Probate and Tax Divisions. She also has served as a trial judge in the Civil Division and the Domestic Violence Division. She currently serves on the Joint Committee on Judicial Administration, as the Co-Chair of the D.C. Court's Strategic Planning Leadership Council, as Chair of the Committee on Jury Management, and on the District of Columbia Sentencing Commission. Between July 2016 and December of 2019, Judge Demeo served as the Chair of the Judicial Education Committee. She served on the Criminal Justice Act Implementation Committee between 2010 and 2019, and again beginning in 2022. Judge Demeo also served as the Vice Chairperson and Chairperson of the Hispanic Bar Association of the District of Columbia Judicial Council.

Judge Demeo graduated from Princeton University in 1988, where she received her Bachelor of Arts degree in Politics with a concentration in Latin American Studies. She currently serves on the Princeton University Board of Trustees. In 1993, she received her Juris Doctor from New York University School of Law (NYU), where she served on the *Law Review*. At NYU, Ms. Demeo was selected as a Root-Tilden Scholar for her academic achievement and commitment to public interest.

After graduating from law school, Judge Demeo served with distinction as an Honors Program trial attorney in the Department of Justice's Civil Rights Division, where she prosecuted public employers for pattern or practice employment discrimination in federal courts around the country. In 1997, she began working for the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund (MALDEF), a national Latino civil rights organization. After a short period as a staff attorney at MALDEF, Judge Demeo was promoted to head the D.C. office, where she served as the national advocate for MALDEF on a wide array of Latino civil rights issues. In 2004, Judge Demeo joined the United States Attorney's Office for the District of Columbia (USAO) as an Assistant United States Attorney, where she prosecuted criminal cases. In 2007, Judge Demeo was appointed as a Magistrate Judge. From August of 2007 until May of 2010, she served in the Criminal Division.

Judge Demeo has taught a course on problem solving courts at Georgetown University School of Law. She also taught criminal procedure and immigration law at Howard University School of Law.