

Susan R. Holmes Winfield

Susan Winfield was appointed a member of the Foreign Service Grievance Board in 2007 and has continuously served in that capacity under three different Secretaries of State. She has participated as a panel chair in the adjudication of approximately eighty-five grievance appeals.

Susan Winfield served as a trial judge of the District of Columbia Superior Court for twenty-one years before taking senior status in 2005. Judge Winfield served in the Civil, Criminal and Family Divisions of the Superior Court where she adjudicated complex criminal, civil and family matters. Judge Winfield also successfully mediated and adjudicated cases involving medical negligence, construction accidents, personal injuries, employment and labor disputes, as well as complicated domestic relations matters. She was appointed to be the Presiding Administrative Judge for the Family Division of the Court for a period of approximately three years. Judge Winfield also sat by special designation on the District of Columbia Court of Appeals. She authored two appellate opinions and participated as a member of the appellate panels on four other cases heard in the Court of Appeals. Judge Winfield continues to serve part-time as a senior judge at the Superior Court on a misdemeanor community court calendar where she practices restorative justice.

Prior to being appointed to the bench, Judge Winfield was an Assistant United States Attorney for the District of Columbia, successfully prosecuting serious felony cases, including homicides, aggravated sexual assaults and property crimes. She was awarded two Special Achievement Awards for her accomplishments as a prosecutor.

Judge Winfield has received training in mediation techniques and skills at both the professional and advanced professional levels. She has participated in teaching mediation skills in the countries of Tanzania, Zambia and Uganda.

In addition to her work on the Foreign Service Grievance Board, Judge Winfield serves as a Hearing Officer for the Office of Compliance and a member of the Personnel Appeals Board of the Government Accountability Office where she adjudicates employment grievances.

EDUCATION:

Juris Doctorate - Boston College Law School
B.A. (mathematics) - University of Pennsylvania

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS:

D.C. Bar Hall of Fame Award – twenty-five years of practice and contribution to the cause of justice

Black Women's Agenda, Inc. - "Unselfish Commitment to Children."

District of Columbia Coalition Against Domestic Violence - "Positive Contribution in the Area of Domestic Violence."

PUBLICATIONS:

“King, the Constitution, and the Courts: Remaining Awake through a Great Revolution” in *The Boundaries of Law, Politics and Religion: Revisiting the Legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr.* Spring 2002;

“Consolation in the Midst of Conflict” in *Conflict and Consolation in the Corinthian Church*, Methodist Publishing Inc., Fall 2000.

“Sex, Lies and Power Games: A Woman Caught at the Intersection of Law and Religion, John 7:53 - 8:1-11” in “*Pregnant Passion: Gender, Sex, & Violence in the Bible,*” Semeia Fall 2002