## Hon. Gwenlynn D'Souza Judge, District of Columbia Office of Employment Services

Judge Gwenlynn D'Souza received her appointment as an Administrative Law Judge with the District of Columbia Office of Employment Services, Administrative Hearings Division, in September 2014. Judge D'Souza adjudicates workers' compensation cases.

Judge D'Souza is a 1994 graduate of The Catholic University of America, Columbus School of Law, in Washington, D.C. Judge D'Souza came to the Administrative Hearings Division after a lengthy career in the private sector with a primary focus on employment law matters. She ran a solo practice and represented clients in cases before the federal, state, and local courts and administrative agencies in the metropolitan D.C. area.

Judge D'Souza is active in many bar and judicial associations. She has presented at numerous speaking engagements, participated at continuing legal and judicial education programs, and authored several legal works. She is a recipient of the Chair's Award for Exceptional Service from the Maryland State Bar Association, Litigation Section and the Maryland Hispanic Bar Association Award for Outstanding Service.

Judge D'Souza contributed to the chapter on select procedural differences in federal and state rules of the Maryland State Bar Association Employment Law Deskbook (2014 ed.) and the chapter on special evidentiary concerns of the American Bar Association Employment Litigation Handbook (2010 ed.).

Judge D'Souza was born in Madras, India. She is married to Walter D'Souza. They are the proud parents of James and Kristin D'Souza, college students.