

The Honorable Heidi M. Pasichow
Associate Judge
Superior Court of the District of Columbia

Judge Heidi M. Pasichow is the Committees Liaison for the National Association of Women Judges. She has served as the Vice President of Publications from 2020-2021, Chair of the Finance Committee from 2018-2019, District 4 Director (D.C., Va. & Md.) from 2015-2017, and the District of Columbia's "Chapter" Chair from 2013-2014.

Judge Pasichow was sworn in as a D.C. Superior Court from Associate Judge on August 25, 2008. Since her appointment, Judge Pasichow has presided over criminal and civil protection order trials while assigned to the Domestic Violence Division, felony jury trials in her assignment in the Criminal Division, juvenile trials and hearings involving parental offenders of child compulsory enrollment and attendance statutes, as well as divorce, child custody and special immigrant status hearings in the Family Court, Presiding Judge in the Mental Health Community Court in the Criminal Division, and has been presiding over civil matters and trials in the Civil Division since 2019.

Judge Pasichow graduated from the George Washington University with Distinction and as a member of Phi Beta Kappa. She received her degree of Juris Doctor as a part-time evening student from the Washington College of Law, The American University.

After serving as a judicial law clerk to the Honorable Sylvia Bacon of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia from 1983-1985, Judge Pasichow spent over twenty-two years serving the District of Columbia community as a prosecutor assisting in the expansion of the Office's community prosecution efforts. She was sworn in as an Assistant United States Attorney in the Office of the United States Attorney for the District of Columbia, where she remained until her appointment as Associate Judge. She served in the Appellate Division early in her career, in all sections of the Superior Court Division and handled a variety of federal cases for the Transnational Major Crimes and Federal Major Crimes Sections of the Office's Criminal Division.

During her tenure in the Office of the United States Attorney, Judge Pasichow served as Deputy Chief of the Homicide Section, Chief of the Violent Crime Section, District Chief of the Community Prosecution-Major Crimes Section for the Second and Fourth Police Districts, and Special Counsel for Professional Development in the Superior Court Division. In those roles, she managed line prosecutors and their caseloads, worked to advance the Office's presence in and participation with community crime-solving efforts, assisted with the professional development and advocacy skills of prosecutors practicing before the D.C. Superior Court, and instructed Assistant United States Attorneys across the country in areas of trial advocacy, criminal procedure, and evidence, at the United States Department of Justice's National Advocacy Center in Columbia, South Carolina.

Judge Pasichow is currently the Co-Director of the District of Columbia Next-Level Trial Advocacy Program for the National Institute for Trial Advocacy (NITA) and been an active faculty member with NITA, teaching the District of Columbia Basic Trial Advocacy Program since 1998. Judge Pasichow is currently an Adjunct Professor at Georgetown University Law School and at The Washington College of Law, The American University instructing an evening Trial Advocacy course at each law school. As listed in her CV titled Community Service and Extra-Judicial Activities, her community participation also includes judging numerous area law school and national mock trial competitions, as well as organizing and participating in programs sponsored by the National Association of Women Judges. In 2007, Judge

Pasichow was honored with the National Institute for Trial Advocacy's Justin D. Simon Award for Excellence in Teaching. She is a member of the Bryant Inn of Court in Washington, DC.