

CHIEF JUDGE ANITA M. JOSEY-HERRING

Chief Judge Anita Josey-Herring graduated from Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond, Virginia in 1982, and Georgetown University Law Center in Washington, D.C. in 1987. In July, 2020 she became the first woman named Chief Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia.

While attending Georgetown Law Center's Evening Division, Judge Josey-Herring was a member of the Legal Ethics Law Journal and was employed full-time as a paralegal specialist at the United States Department of Labor ("DOL") from 1984-1985. Between 1985-1987, Judge Josey-Herring worked as a law clerk in the United States Department of Energy Solicitor's Office. Upon graduating from Georgetown Law Center in 1987, she obtained a judicial clerkship position with the Honorable Herbert B. Dixon, Jr. in the Superior Court of the District of Columbia.

In 1988, Judge Josey-Herring joined the District of Columbia Public Defender Service ("PDS") as a staff attorney and was later promoted to the position of Deputy Director of PDS. As Deputy Director, Judge Josey-Herring assisted the Director in all aspects of management and administration, including budgetary decision-making and supervision of all agency staff.

In 1997, Judge Josey-Herring was appointed as an Associate Judge to the Superior Court of the District of Columbia. She has been a Superior Court Judge for more than twenty-two years and has served in every division of the Court except the Probate and Tax Division. As the Deputy Presiding and later Presiding Judge of the Family Division, Judge Josey-Herring helped reorganize the Family Division, now the Family Court, and implemented requirements of the Family Court Act of 2001. Judge Josey-Herring served on numerous court committees and she is currently the 4th District Vice Chair of the National Association of Women Judges ("NAWJ") and a board member of NAWJ and the Greater Washington Area Chapter of the Women's Division, National Bar Association. She has also served on other boards, served as a law professor, and has received many awards and recognitions.