

Hon. Vivian Henderson



Judge Vivian Henderson received her B.S. in Psychology from the College of William and Mary, and her Juris Doctor from Regent University School of Law. Judge Henderson was licensed to practice law in Virginia in 1996, after passing the bar on her first attempt. Since beginning her law career, she has worked in the Commonwealth's Attorney Offices in the Cities of Portsmouth, Virginia and Virginia Beach, Virginia, as well as the Office of the Attorney General of Virginia, where she was dual designated as a Special Assistant United States Attorney. Judge Henderson has also served as an adjunct professor for Averett University, Bryant and Stratton College as well

as Strayer University.

In 2015, she became the 1st African American to be appointed to serve as a Deputy Commonwealth's Attorney for the City of Virginia Beach, Virginia where she served in that capacity overseeing the Special Investigations Trial Team, Victim Witness Program and the Adult Drug Court. She has held various leadership roles in civic and professional organizations in addition to being appointed by 2 Virginia Supreme Court Justices to serve on the Virginia Supreme Court Domestic Violence Commission. On November 13, 2020, Judge Henderson was appointed to serve as a General District Court Judge for the City of Virginia Beach where her term commenced on December 1, 2020.