HON. TONI E. CLARKE JUDGE, CIRCUIT COURT OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND



The Honorable Toni E. Clarke served as Associate Judge for the Prince George's County Circuit Court, 7th Judicial Circuit, February 6, 1998 to August 31, 2018. She retired on August 31, 2018. Her judicial service included: member, Public Awareness Committee (2001-15); Maryland Judicial Conference; Chair, Public Defender Regional Advisory Board No. 3 (Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles, Prince George's & St. Mary's counties (2001-09); member, Court Access and Community Relations Committee; Judicial Council, 2017- (chair, language access subcommittee, 2017- present).

Before joining the Court, Judge Clarke was Associate County Attorney, Prince George's County, 1987-89. She served as a member of the Special Joint Committee on Minorities in the Legal Profession (1987); member of the Redistricting Commission, Prince George's County (1991); and Government Operations Review Commission, Prince George's County (1992-93). State's Attorney, Prince George's County, 1994-95. She was also a member of the Governor's Task Force on Judicial Nominating Commissions, 1995; and State Administrative Board of Election Laws, 1995-98.

Her professional associations include: admitted to the Maryland Bar, 1986, and the District of Columbia Bar, 1993; Member, American Bar Association; National Bar Association; Maryland State Bar Association (co-chair, special committee on leadership academy, 2002-; member, special committee, on civics & law, 2011-);

J. Franklyn Bourne Bar Association (president, 1992); Women's Bar Association of Maryland (president, 1994-95); Prince George's County Bar Association (president, 1998-99); Member, Marlborough Inns of Court, 1989-94; Board of Directors, Law Foundation of Prince George's County, 1990-93; People's Pro Bono Action Center; Member, Joint Bar Association Advisory Committee of the Southern Division of Maryland, 1994-; Member, Alan Goldstein Inns of Court, 1995-; Alumni board member, University of Maryland School of Law, 1995-; Board member, University of Maryland Foundation, Inc., 1996-98; Secretary, Judicial Division Executive Committee, National Conference of State Trial Judges, 2010-11.

Awards and recognitions include: Distinguished Woman Award from the Alliance of Black Women Attorneys of Maryland, 1997; Maryland's Top 100 Women, Daily Record, 1999, 2001; Howard County Women's Athletic Hall of Fame, 2000; Wilde Lake High School Hall of Fame, 2000; Maryland Leadership in Law Award, Daily Record, 2004; and Rita C. Davidson Award, Women's Bar Association of Maryland, 2009.

Judge Clarke was born in Washington, DC, January 24, 1958. She attended Wilde Lake High School in Columbia, Maryland. She is a graduate of Pennsylvania State University, B.S., 1979; and University of Maryland School of Law, J.D., 1986.