

THE HONORABLE JUDITH N. MACALUSO
ASSOCIATE JUDGE
SUPERIOR COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Judge Judith N. Macaluso was appointed to the Superior Court of the District of Columbia in 2002 by President George W. Bush.

Judge Macaluso was born in Baltimore, Maryland, and has resided in the District of Columbia for over 40 years. She received her Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Maryland in 1972 and her law degree, *magna cum laude*, from Howard University School of Law in 1975. During law school, she interned with the Honorable William B. Bryant, United States District Court for the District of Columbia.

After law school, Judge Macaluso clerked for then-Chief Judge David L. Cahoon, Circuit Court of Montgomery County, Maryland. She briefly pursued private practice after her clerkship, and then began a career as a trial and appellate attorney with the United States government. She specialized in appellate practice at the Department of Labor, defending OSHA's regulations and civil prosecutions in the United States Courts of Appeals. In 1986, Judge Macaluso joined the Civil Division, Torts Branch, of the U.S. Department of Justice. Judge Macaluso received 18 awards for excellent professional performance at the Department of Justice.

In 1997, she was appointed Hearing Commissioner (now Magistrate Judge) of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia. In her five and a half years in this position, she served in the Civil, Criminal and Family (now Family Court) Divisions.

Judge Macaluso brings a particular expertise in mental health issues to the Family Court. At the Department of Justice, she specialized in such issues and was designated a Civil Division resource for other attorneys to consult on psychiatric, psychological, and neuro-psychological issues. She has maintained a concentration in this area at the Superior Court, serving on task forces and committees to improve the Court's handling of mentally ill defendants.

Judge Macaluso is married to Vincent G. Macaluso and is the proud parent of a son, three stepchildren, and four grandchildren.