

Honorable Judge Richard H. Ringell
Magistrate Judge
Superior Court of the District of Columbia

Richard Ringell was installed as a Magistrate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia on September 16, 1999.

Judge Ringell was born and raised in Brooklyn, NY and received his Bachelor of Arts from Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. He obtained his Juris Doctor from American University's Washington College of Law in 1969. Following law school, he served as a lawyer for Volunteers in Service to America (VISTA) in Cleveland, Ohio.

From 1970 until his appointment to the Superior Court, Judge Ringell practiced law as a sole practitioner. Initially, he served as a Criminal Justice Act attorney, representing indigent criminal defendants. Over the next several years, his practice evolved from court-appointed criminal cases to the private representation of those charged with crimes. His clientele grew considerably varied from 1982 until his retirement from the practice, with cases ranging from toxic tort litigation to drug offenses.

Judge Ringell has resided in the District of Columbia for over 29 years and is very active in the community. He served on the Mayor's Citizen Advisory Panel from 1993 to 1995 and was a founding member of the World Through Peace Law Center. In addition to coaching youth sports, Judge Ringell has been a member of the "Big Brother" program for many years. His 'little brother' is currently serving as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Thailand. Judge Ringell is married to Margo Vickers Ringell and is the proud father of two children.