

**THE HONORABLE ODESSA F. VINCENT
ASSOCIATE JUDGE
SUPERIOR COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

Judge Odessa F. Vincent was appointed to the Superior Court of the District of Columbia in 2001 by President George W. Bush.

Judge Vincent was born in Long Branch, New Jersey, and has lived in Washington, D.C. and the surrounding jurisdictions since 1974. She attended the University of the District of Columbia, where she received her Bachelor of Arts degree in political science in 1981, and received her law degree from Howard University in 1984.

Judge Vincent began her legal career in 1984, as an attorney-advisor with the Department of Housing and Urban Development, where she litigated civil and administrative cases. In May 1987, Judge Vincent was appointed an Assistant United States Attorney in the U.S. Attorney's Office here in the District of Columbia. She remained in that position until May 1995, when she accepted a position with the Drug Enforcement Administration's Office of Chief Counsel, where she served initially as an attorney-advisor, and later as the Chief of the Criminal Law Section. From August 1996 to 1997, Judge Vincent served as a trial attorney in the Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division, on the National Church Arson Task Force, where she investigated and prosecuted crimes involving the arson and destruction of religious properties. Judge Vincent then returned to the U.S. Attorney's Office in December 1998, as Deputy Chief of the Narcotics Section, and ultimately became Chief of the Narcotics Section in December 2000. She remained with the U.S. Attorney's Office until her appointment to the bench.

Judge Vincent is currently assigned to the Family Court.