

HONORABLE CAROL A. DALTON  
ASSOCIATE JUDGE  
SUPERIOR COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Carol Ann Dalton was born, raised and lived part of her adult life in New York City. Judge Dalton graduated from the City College of the City University of New York. She then worked in business and attained the position of Vice President with a New York 5th Avenue linen company.

Judge Dalton left the corporate work world, entered New York Law School, and clerked during law school at the New York Human Resources Administration and the Manhattan District Attorney's Office. In 1987, she moved to Washington, D.C. and has lived in the District ever since.

She worked for five years with the Washington D.C. firm of Winkelman & Mann, primarily practicing in the trust and estate and tax law areas. During that time, Judge Dalton obtained a LL.M. from the George Washington University National Law Center.

In 1992, Judge Dalton established her own law office. At this stage in her career, her legal practice evolved from one primarily focused on trust and estate work to a practice almost exclusively devoted to representing parents, caretakers and children in D.C. Superior Court. Judge Dalton represented clients in court on adult criminal and juvenile criminal matters. She represented clients in intervention, guardianship, adoptions, custody, termination of parental rights, child abuse and neglect cases. Judge Dalton also represented clients in the mental health system and with special education placements.

Judge Dalton served as Director of the D.C. Superior Court's Counsel for Child Abuse and Neglect office from May 2000 until April 2002. In that position, among various other responsibilities, Judge Dalton was responsible for training practicing attorneys and recruiting and training new attorneys for appointments to represent parents, caretakers and children in D.C. Superior Court in the area of child abuse and neglect.

In April 2002, Judge Dalton was appointed as a Magistrate Judge in the Family Court of D.C. Superior Court. As Magistrate Judge, Judge Dalton had a very active caseload. She presided mainly over child abuse and neglect matters, seeking to ensure the safety and well being of the children under the Court's jurisdiction. Judge Dalton successfully achieved permanency for many children through reunification, adoption, guardianship, custody and emancipation.

Over the years Judge Dalton participated as a member of a number of committees tasked with improving court procedures and practices in the area of family law. She is or was a member of numerous D.C. Superior Court Committees, such as: Family Court Training; Family Court Implementation; Benchmark Permanency Hearing; Superior Court Advisory Rules and Practice Standards; Superior Court Domestic Relations Mediation; and D.C. Consortium of Legal Services Providers Committees. Judge Dalton was also a frequent

speaker at numerous seminars devoted to family law and, prior to her tenure with D.C. Superior Court, at seminars concerning estate planning issues.

Judge Dalton is very active in community and civic organizations. She is a former D.C. Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner. Judge Dalton served as Chair of several committees of the D.C. Women's Bar Association and as a member of the Sheridan-Kalorama Historical Association Board. She also did volunteer work with such organizations as the Whitman-Walker Public Benefits Clinic and Rape Crisis.