

**THE HONORABLE LINDA KAY DAVIS  
ASSOCIATE JUDGE  
SUPERIOR COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

Judge Linda Kay Davis was appointed to the Superior Court of the District of Columbia in 1995 by President William Jefferson Clinton.

Judge Davis grew up in and around Washington, D.C. and Chicago, Illinois. She graduated from New Trier Township High School in Winnetka, Illinois in 1962 and attended Oberlin College in Oberlin, Ohio from 1962 through 1964. She subsequently attended the University of California at Berkeley from 1966 through 1968 and obtained her Bachelor of Arts degree. She received her law degree from Harvard Law School in 1972.

In 1973, Judge Davis joined the Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia, where she practiced in the Family and Criminal Divisions of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia and argued appeals before the District of Columbia Court of Appeals. In October 1976, she became a trial attorney in the Criminal Section of the Civil Rights Division at the U.S. Department of Justice and in 1979 became a Deputy Chief of that section. In these capacities, Judge Davis prosecuted cases of police misconduct and of racial and religious violence throughout the nation. In June 1984, she became Chief of the Criminal Section, remaining in that position until March 1995.

As Chief of the Criminal Section, Judge Davis assumed responsibility for managing the nationwide enforcement of the criminal civil rights laws, including prosecution of militant members of the Ku Klux Klan and other hate groups and prosecution of the Los Angeles Police Department officers for beating Rodney King.

During her tenure in the Criminal Section of the Civil Rights Division, Judge Davis received numerous awards and commendations. In 1993, she was the first recipient of the Division's John Doar Award for exceptional accomplishments and high standards of excellence and dedication in the enforcement of civil rights laws. On June 22, 1995, she received the Attorney General's Distinguished Service Award.

Since her appointment, Judge Davis has been assigned to the Criminal and Civil Divisions, the Domestic Violence Unit and the Family Court. On the Family Court she has presided over adoptions, domestic relations, delinquency, neglect and abuse, and mental health cases.

Judge Davis is married to the Honorable Robert I. Richter, who is also an Associate Judge of the Superior Court. They are the proud parents of three sons.