

**HONORABLE JUDGE DIANA HARRIS EPPS
MAGISTRATE JUDGE
SUPERIOR COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

Diana Harris Epps was appointed Magistrate Judge by Chief Judge Rufus G. King, III on July 9, 2003.

Magistrate Judge Epps was born and raised in Mercer Island, Washington. She is a graduate of Cornell University in Ithaca, New York, and received her Juris Doctor from the Faculty of Law and Jurisprudence at the State University of New York at Buffalo. Following her graduation from law school, Judge Epps obtained a judicial law clerkship with the New York State Fourth Appellate Division located in Rochester, NY.

After completing her clerkship, Judge Epps worked for the Office of the Corporation Counsel for the District of Columbia in the Juvenile Section. While with the Corporation Counsel, she volunteered as a mentor-tutor to local high school students and served on a city wide-multi-agency committee whose goal was to design and develop alternative community based programs for the District's juvenile offenders. One such program was that of the late Honorable Luke Moore's Reclaim Our Youth Program, which was designed to partner parishioners from various religious communities with at-risk young people in need.

Judge Epps joined the United States Attorney's Office for the District of Columbia in 1991. From then until the present she prosecuted countless violent offenders both in the D.C. Superior Court as well as the United States District Court for D.C. In 1998, Judge Epps became one of the first community prosecutors assigned to the City's seven police districts. As a community prosecutor, Judge Epps worked closely with local and federal law enforcement, local community groups and various local government agencies to forge partnerships between those agencies and the residents of the southeast, Anacostia region of the city. She helped develop more efficient ways of delivering the appropriate level of services to the citizens to enhance the overall quality of life in that region of the city. To that end, Judge Epps created and facilitated various training programs for both law enforcement and community members and she assisted the implementation of new and innovative programs sponsored by the United States Attorney's Office in partnership with the police department and the Courts. During her tenure with the United States Attorney's Office, Judge Epps also coordinated all fugitive extradition proceedings for the office.