

**THE HONORABLE MARY A. GOODEN TERRELL
ASSOCIATE JUDGE
SUPERIOR COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

Judge Mary A. Gooden Terrell was appointed to the Superior Court of the District of Columbia in 1997 by President William Jefferson Clinton.

Judge Terrell was born in Jacksonville, Florida and raised in Akron, Ohio. She received her Bachelor of Arts degree from Howard University, Masters of Arts in Teaching from Antioch College and her law degree from Georgetown University School of Law.

Judge Terrell is a former Peace Corps volunteer, having been stationed in India. Founder of the Dix Street Academy, an alternative high school for students who dropped out of the public schools, she later went on to serve as an Assistant United States Attorney. Judge Terrell was also head of the FDIC/RTC Legal Outreach Program for Minority and Women and a founding member of The National Political Congress of Black Women.

Judge Terrell is an active member of the community and has received numerous recognitions for her efforts. She is Past-President of the Washington Bar Association Judicial Council and a former member of the D.C. Advisory Commission on Sentencing. She is a member of the Washington, D.C. Hall of Fame Society, Inc. (the Society recognizes District of Columbia residents who have achieved excellence in their contributions to the District of Columbia); African American Women in the Law, National Planning Committee; Who's Who Among African Americans; International Who's Who of Professionals; Advisor, International Commission of Women of African Descent; The High Tea Society, Inc., Founder – a non-profit organization for inner city girls ages 12-18 who attend the District of Columbia Public Schools; founding member of Colin L. Powell International Public Charter School, and several other organizations.

In April 2000, the Coalition of 100 Black Women presented Judge Terrell the Eboné Image Award for Government Service. She was also inducted into the D.C. Women's Hall of Fame in March 1998, and in that same time frame received a Special Award from The National Political Congress of Black Women (NPCBW) D.C. Chapter. In November of 1998, Judge Terrell received a Distinguished Service to Humanity Award from Questers, Inc. and a Service Appreciation Award from Women's Division – NBA. In March 1996, Judge Terrell received a "We Have a Story to Tell" Award from The Greater Washington Urban League, Inc. In March 1993, she received the Eagle's Award of the Bethune-DuBois Fund for Outstanding Service. This list is just a fraction of the many awards that Judge Terrell has been honored to receive.

Judge Terrell is involved in International Judicial Training in the area of Alternative Dispute Resolution and Judicial Assessment. Since March 1999, she has traveled to Zambia, Malawi, Uganda, Ghana, Tanzania, South Africa, and Mali to work with judges in these countries. She has worked extensively through the African Judicial Network she created with assistance from the US government's Education for Development and Democracy Initiative. She is married with three children.