THE HONORABLE JAMES E. BOASBERG ASSOCIATE JUDGE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

In May 2002, President George W. Bush nominated Judge Boasberg to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia. The Senate confirmed this nomination and the judge was sworn in on September 3, 2002.

Judge James E. ("Jeb") Boasberg is a native Washingtonian, having graduated from St. Albans School in 1981. He received a B.A. degree, magna cum laude, in History in 1985 from Yale College, where he also played basketball. Judge Boasberg then received an M.St. in Modern European History from Oxford University in 1986 and a J.D. from Yale Law School in 1990.

Upon graduation from law school, Judge Boasberg served as a law clerk to the Honorable Dorothy W. Nelson on the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. Following his clerkship, he was a litigation associate at Keker and Van Nest in San Francisco from 1991 to 1994 and at Kellogg, Huber, Hansen, Todd and Evans in Washington, DC from 1995 to 1996. In private practice, his concentration was in civil litigation, particularly First Amendment defamation law, on which subject he has published several articles.

In December 1996, Judge Boasberg joined the United States Attorney's Office for the District of Columbia as an Assistant United States Attorney. In his 5 years there, he served in various sections in the office, and tried over 40 felony cases to juries in both the Superior Court of the District of Columbia and the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia. As an Assistant U.S. Attorney, Judge Boasberg specialized in homicide cases and prosecuted a number of high-profile matters, including the Gallaudet slayings and the National Zoo shooting.

Judge Boasberg has served in the Criminal and Civil Divisions. In 2003, he also served as an adjunct faculty member at the George Washington Law School, where he taught a seminar on homicide and advanced criminal procedure.

Judge Boasberg is married to Elizabeth Manson. They have three young children: a son and twin daughters.