

**THE HONORABLE NEAL E. KRAVITZ
ASSOCIATE JUDGE
SUPERIOR COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

Judge Neal E. Kravitz was appointed to the Superior Court of the District of Columbia in 1998 by President William Jefferson Clinton.

Judge Kravitz graduated from Yale College in 1979 and from Harvard Law School in 1983. He was a Wasserstein Public Interest Fellow-in-Residence at Harvard Law School in 1995-1996.

Judge Kravitz began his legal career in 1983 as a law clerk to the Honorable Henry A. Politz of the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit. Judge Kravitz then joined the Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia in 1984 as a staff attorney. For six years, Judge Kravitz represented indigent criminal defendants and juvenile respondents in all stages of the criminal process in the District of Columbia Courts. He was lead defense counsel in more than twenty D.C. Superior Court jury trials involving indigent defendants charged with murder, rape, armed robbery, and other serious offenses, and he briefed and argued more than ten criminal cases in the District of Columbia Court of Appeals.

Judge Kravitz left the D.C. Public Defender Service in early 1990 to become the Executive Director of the New Hampshire Public Defender, a statewide public defender program with 50 lawyers in six offices across New Hampshire. As Executive Director, Judge Kravitz managed and directed the daily activities of the statewide public defender program, represented the interests of indigent defendants before the state legislature, and litigated several complex trial and appellate matters in the New Hampshire state courts.

Judge Kravitz returned to the District of Columbia in late 1991 and accepted a position as Special Investigative Counsel to the United States Senate Select Committee on POW/MIA Affairs. Judge Kravitz worked closely with several Senators investigating allegations that the governments of Vietnam, Laos, and Cambodia failed to release all of the American prisoners of war still alive in captivity at the end of the Vietnam War.

Judge Kravitz became a staff attorney at the Washington Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights and Urban Affairs in early 1993, at the conclusion of the Senate POW/MIA investigation. Judge Kravitz spent the majority of his time at the Lawyers' Committee serving as co-lead counsel for six African-American Secret Service officers who sued the Denny's Restaurant chain on behalf of a nationwide class alleging a corporate practice of racial discrimination against African-American customers. Judge Kravitz's clients won a landmark settlement against Denny's consisting of extensive injunctive relief and a record monetary award ultimately shared by more than 100,000 African-American victims of racial discrimination.

Judge Kravitz returned to Capitol Hill in 1994 to serve as the Principal Deputy Democratic Special Counsel to the Senate Whitewater Committee. Judge Kravitz advised

Senators on the committee and participated in all aspects of the committee's investigation, including the questioning of senior White House officials and other witnesses at public hearings and depositions.

Judge Kravitz left the Senate in early 1997 to accept an appointment at the United States Department of Justice as Counsel to the Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights. In this position, Judge Kravitz assisted the head of the Civil Rights Division in coordinating the federal government's law enforcement response to hate crimes, church arsons, and acts of violence committed against providers of reproductive health services. Judge Kravitz remained as Counsel to the Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights until his appointment to the Superior Court bench.

Judge Kravitz has presided over cases in the Superior Court's Civil, Criminal, and Family Divisions and has sat by designation in the District of Columbia Court of Appeals. He is a member of the Standing Committee on Fairness and Access to the District of Columbia Courts, the Superior Court Rules Committee, the Landlord-Tenant Advisory Rules Subcommittee, and the External Affairs Committee.

Judge Kravitz has been a member of the Board of Directors of the City Lights School in Northeast Washington since 1996. He was a trombonist with the Boston Pops Orchestra from 1979 through 1983 and with the New Haven Symphony Orchestra from 1975 through 1979.

Judge Kravitz is married to Melissa G. Reinberg. He and Ms. Reinberg have two children.