THE HONORABLE SUSAN R. HOLMES WINFIELD SENIOR JUDGE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Judge Susan R. Winfield was appointed to the Superior Court bench in 1984 by President Ronald Reagan. She has served in the Civil, Criminal and Family Divisions of the Court. Judge Winfield was appointed by the Chief Judge to be Deputy Presiding Judge, then Presiding Judge of the Family Division of the Court from 1990 to 1994. Judge Winfield has presided over the most serious felony cases involving homicide and sexual offense crimes. Judge Winfield has also presided over and mediated numerous medical malpractice and other complex civil cases.

Before being appointed to the bench, Judge Winfield was employed as an Assistant United States Attorney in the District of Columbia, a staff attorney for the Department of Justice, Criminal Fraud Division, and an attorney in the private practice of law in Boston, Massachusetts. Before law school, Judge Winfield was a technology consultant and a computer programmer. Judge Winfield earned her JD degree from Boston College Law School in Newton, Massachusetts and her BA degree in mathematics from the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. She is a member of the D.C. bar (1978) and the Massachusetts bar (1976).

Judge Winfield has been an invited guest speaker and consultant for the governments of Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia and Malawi from 1994 to 2002. In this capacity, Judge Winfield has assisted these governments in developing Civil Delay Reduction and Case Management Systems as well as Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) programs within their judicial systems. Judge Winfield has traveled to East Central Africa on several occasions to conduct mediation training and computer technology seminars.

Judge Winfield has also served as a mentor to young lawyers and high school students. She has been a speaker and lecturer at law schools, public high schools, and to young lawyers in the District of Columbia, Maryland and Virginia. Judge Winfield has been an Adjunct Professor at the George Washington University, Columbia School of Law where she co-taught Trial Practice for several years. Judge Winfield has also served on the teaching faculty at the Harvard University Law School Trial Advocacy Program and Georgetown Medical School, Department of Psychiatry.

Judge Winfield has co-authored several articles and book chapters on various subjects involving law and religion. She has received numerous awards and recognitions for her work on and off the bench. She lives in Washington, D. C. and has two daughters.