

THE HONORABLE A. FRANKLIN BURGESS, JR.
ASSOCIATE JUDGE
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA SUPERIOR COURT

Judge Burgess was appointed to the District of Columbia Superior Court in 1983 by President Ronald Reagan.

Judge Burgess was born in Greenville, South Carolina. After attending public schools in Greenville, he attended Phillips Exeter Academy. He then entered Princeton University where he received an A.B. degree in 1965. After graduation for Princeton, he served as a Peace Corps volunteer in Thailand for 1965-1967, where he was a school teacher. Judge Burgess also taught school in North Carolina.

In 1971, Judge Burgess received a J.D. degree from Harvard and was admitted to the Massachusetts Bar. He has been a member of the District of Columbia Bar since 1977. After graduating from Harvard Law School, Judge Burgess became a law clerk to then United States District Judge Levin H. Campbell in the District of Massachusetts. When Judge Campbell was appointed to the First Circuit Court of Appeals in 1972, Judge Burgess continued as his clerk, ending the clerkship in 1973.

From 1973-1977, Judge Burgess was an associate with the law firm of Palmer and Dodge of Boston, specializing in litigation. In 1977, he joined the Public Defender Service of the District of Columbia, where he served in both the trial and appellate division. From August 1982 until his appointment to the bench, Judge Burgess was chief of the Appellate Division of the Public Defender Service.

Judge Burgess has taught trial advocacy for the Continuing Legal Education programs of the District of Columbia and Massachusetts Bar Associations. He has also taught trial advocacy at the Harvard Law School. He has been a panelist at the Bar Association of the District of Columbia's Criminal Practice Institute and has contributed to its manual. He has been a presenter in numerous program sponsored by the D.C. Bar and other law-related groups. Judge Burgess has served as both Presiding Judge and Deputy Presiding Judge of the Probate and Tax Division and Presiding Judge and Deputy Presiding Judge of the Criminal Division.

Judge Burgess is Chairperson of the Superior Court Rules Committee and has served on the following other committees:

Tax Rules Committee; Examiner's Committee; Probate Review Task Force; Privacy and Public Access Committee; Bioethics Committee; Probate Education Committee, Co-Chair; Probate & Fiduciary Rules Advisory Committee, Chair; Criminal Rules Advisory Committee, Chair; Task Force on Gender Bias in the Courts, Chair, Subcommittee on Treatment of Participants in the System (January 1990 to March 1993); National Association of Drug Court Professionals District of Columbia Court Conference Committee; Mayor's Advisory Committee on Child Abuse and Neglect; Advisory Committee on Judicial Conduct; Criminal Justice Act Committee; Domestic Violence Coordinating Council; Task Force on Maintaining the Official Court Record;

Warrant Task Force; Committee on Arrangements for the District of Columbia Court of Appeals; Superior Court Legislation and Jury Instructions Committee, Chair; and the Superior Court Judicial Education Committee.

Judge Burgess is married and has two adult children.