

THE HONORABLE JOSÉ M. LÓPEZ
ASSOCIATE JUDGE
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA SUPERIOR COURT

President George H. Bush nominated Judge José M. López to be a judge on the Superior Court of the District of Columbia in 1990. Judge López's trial experience includes Civil, Criminal and Family Matters. Currently, he is the Presiding Judge of the Domestic Violence Unit.

Judge Lopez was born in the Dominican Republic and grew up in Brooklyn, New York. He received his B.A. from Middlebury College, Vermont in 1973 and a law degree from Suffolk University Law School, Boston, Massachusetts in 1977. While in law school, he was Associate Editor of the Law Review, Vice President of the Hispanic American Law Student Association, and President of the Black American Law Students Association.

For nearly 7 years Judge López chaired the Superior Court Judicial Education Committee and is a member of the Rules Committee. He has been a faculty member at the National Judicial College, Reno, Nevada, and board member at the Leadership Institute in Judicial Education, out of the University of Memphis, Tennessee. In his most recent teaching experience, he traveled to Angola, Mexico and Chile regarding judicial system assessment, methods of civil delay reduction, mediation and biotechnology. He is past president and co-founder of the Charlotte E. Ray, American Inn of Court.

Prior to taking the bench, Judge López was in Private Practice, a member of the D.C. Traffic Adjudication Appeals Board and member of the D.C. Board of Appeals and Review. Before that, he was Attorney Advisor to the Benefits Review Board, U.S. Department of Labor. Judge López is the 1997 Recipient of the Award for Judicial Excellence, presented by the American Bar Association National Conference of State Trial Judges.

Judge Lopez is married and has two children.