

THE HONORABLE TODD E. EDELMAN
ASSOCIATE JUDGE
SUPERIOR COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Judge Todd E. Edelman was appointed to the Superior Court of the District of Columbia in 2010 by President Barack Obama.

Judge Edelman was born and raised in St. Louis, Missouri. He received his B.A., *cum laude* and with Distinction in Political Science, from Yale College in 1990. He was awarded his law degree, *cum laude*, by the New York University (NYU) School of Law in 1994. At NYU, Judge Edelman was selected as a Root-Tilden Scholar for his academic achievement and commitment to public service.

After his graduation from law school, Judge Edelman moved to Washington to serve as a law clerk for The Honorable William B. Bryant on the United States District Court for the District of Columbia. Following his clerkship, Judge Edelman was awarded an E. Barrett Fellowship at the Georgetown University Law Center. As a Prettyman Fellow, he spent two years representing indigent defendants in Superior Court and supervising law students in Georgetown's Criminal Justice Clinic.

From 1997 to 2005, Mr. Edelman represented indigent men and women in criminal cases as a trial attorney at the Public Defender Service (PDS) for the District of Columbia. At PDS, Judge Edelman tried dozens of cases to judges and juries, and began serving as lead counsel in cases on the Superior Court's Felony One calendars in 2000. He was promoted to Chief of PDS' Serious Felony Section in 2002 and became its Training Director in 2004; in the latter position, he designed and conducted an intensive trial skills training program for new staff attorneys and directed professional education training programs for all staff attorneys.

In 2005, Judge Edelman became Of Counsel at the firm of Bredhoff & Kaiser, P.L.L.C. In private practice, he focused his work on complex civil litigation in federal and state courts nationwide. He also practiced before arbitrators and administrative tribunals, and represented individuals in criminal prosecutions and investigations in a number of jurisdictions.

Judge Edelman returned to Georgetown Law as a clinical professor in 2008. At Georgetown Law, he taught classes on criminal law and procedure, evidence, and trial practice in the Criminal Justice Clinic, and supervised students and post-graduate Fellows on criminal cases in Superior Court. Judge Edelman was also an Adjunct Professor at Georgetown Law from 2004 to 2008.

In addition to teaching at Georgetown Law, Judge Edelman has frequently volunteered his time as a trainer and lecturer on trial practice issues. He has served on the faculty of the Harvard Law School Trial Advocacy Workshop, the Southern Public Defender Training Center, the National Legal Aid and Defender Association Trial Advocacy College. In 2003, Harvard Law School recognized Mr. Edelman's public service achievements by awarding him a Wasserstein Public Interest Fellowship.

Judge Edelman is presently assigned to the Civil Division. He serves on the Criminal Justice Act Implementation Committee, the Jury Instructions Committee, and the Joint Standing Committee on Fairness and Access to the District of Columbia Courts.