

Biographical Summary – Hon. Errol Rajesh Arthur

Hon. Errol Rajesh Arthur is the Deputy Presiding Magistrate Judge on the Superior Court of the District of Columbia (“DC Superior Court”). Since his appointment in 2010, he has served in the Family Court. Magistrate Judge Arthur has presided over numerous bench trials in neglect and abuse cases, as well as arraignments and detention hearings in both juvenile and adult cases. He has also served on numerous court committees, as a visiting faculty member of Harvard Law School’s Trial Advocacy Workshop, and as Chair of the Washington Bar Association’s Judicial Council. Previously, Magistrate Judge Arthur was a staff attorney with the Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia (PDS) and opened his own law practice in 2002, representing individuals in local courts and agencies. In 2008, he was appointed Chairman of the District of Columbia Board of Elections and Ethics, and served as an adjunct professor and supervising attorney with the Howard University School of Law’s Criminal Justice Clinic. A native Washingtonian, Magistrate Judge Arthur received a Bachelor of Arts degree in English from the University of Maryland in 1994, and a law degree from the Howard University School of Law in 1998. Following law school, he clerked for the Honorable Mary A. Gooden Terrell in the D.C. Superior Court.