

**Hon. Rainey Ransom Brandt** is a Magistrate Judge on the Superior Court of the District of Columbia where since 2012, she has served in the Criminal Division. She began working at Superior Court in 1996, as a law clerk to Judge Michael Rankin and later Judge Stephanie Duncan-Peters. In 1998, Judge Brandt became Special Counsel to the Chief Judge of the Superior Court, serving in that position until her appointment as Magistrate Judge. As Special Counsel, she served as ombudsman to the justice community for prisoner/correctional issues, and held leadership roles on committees addressing access to justice, and provided judicial training sessions for new and seasoned judges. Judge Brandt continues to mentor young lawyers via the Women's Bar Mentoring Program and serves on several judicial committees within the Court. Prior to her work at the Court, Judge Brandt was a full-time professor in the Department of Justice, Law and Criminology at American University, where she remains an adjunct associate professor. In 2010, Judge Brandt received the Council for Court Excellence's Justice Potter Stewart Award in recognition of her work on behalf of the administration of justice. In May 2015, she received the Distinguished Alumnus Award from the DC Law Students in Court legal clinic. Judge Brandt attended American University, receiving a Bachelors degree in History (1989), a Masters in Justice (1990), and a Ph.D. in Sociology in 1993. She received her law degree from the Columbus School of Law at the Catholic University of America in 1995.