

Biographical Statement – Hon. Sharon E. Goodie

Hon. Sharon E. Goodie is a Principal Administrative Law Judge for the District of Columbia Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH), where she was appointed in 2005. She currently hears matters regarding public benefits as well as homeless shelter, nursing home, and mental group home issues. Previously, she heard cases involving licensing, property violations, rental housing, taxicab complaints, public school discipline, and unemployment compensation. Prior to her appointment, Administrative Law Judge Goodie worked for seven years as a prosecutor for the District of Columbia Office of the Attorney General, prosecuting criminal juvenile delinquency and civil child abuse and neglect cases, and worked for three years in private practice, handling insurance coverage, medical malpractice, telecommunications, and corporate compliance matters. She serves as a member of the District of Columbia Access to Justice Commission, where she is currently working on projects to enhance the availability of written materials for *pro se* litigants through IT applications, and to expand the OAH *Pro Bono* Panel to include public benefits and shelter litigants. Administrative Law Judge Goodie is a Program Director for the National Institute of Trial Advocacy (NITA), and teaches trial skills programs for the general legal community and for legal services attorneys. Administrative Law Judge Goodie received her Bachelor of Arts *cum laude* from Brandeis University in 1984, and her Juris Doctor from Georgetown University Law Center in 1994. She clerked for the Honorable Harriett R. Taylor at the District of Columbia Superior Court from 1994-1995.