

JUDGE ANNA BLACKBURNE-RIGBY

District of Columbia Court of Appeals
Washington, D.C.

The Hon. Anna Blackburne-Rigsby was nominated by President George W. Bush to the District of Columbia Court of Appeals in August 2006. Judge Blackburne-Rigsby chairs the District of Columbia Courts' Standing Committee on Fairness and Access, and serves as Co-Chair of the District of Columbia's Access to Justice Commission. Judge Blackburne-Rigsby is the President of the National Association of Women Judges (NAWJ).

Prior to her appointment to the District of Columbia Court of Appeals, Judge Blackburne-Rigsby was nominated by President William Jefferson Clinton to the Superior Court of the District of Columbia and served from 2000-2006. Judge Blackburne-Rigsby previously served as Magistrate Judge on the Superior Court of the District of Columbia from 1995-2000.

Judge Blackburne-Rigsby graduated from Duke University with a BA degree in Political Science, and received the Duke University Presidential Leadership Award. Following graduation from Duke University, she was selected to be one of twelve Public Affairs Fellows of the Coro Foundation in San Francisco, California. She earned her law degree from Howard University School of Law, graduating in the top five percent of her class. While in law school, she served as the Lead Articles Editor of the Howard Law Journal and served as the Co-Captain for the Charles Hamilton Houston Moot Court Team.

Following law school, Judge Blackburne-Rigsby was an associate at the law firm of Hogan Lovells US LLP (formerly Hogan and Hartson) in Washington, D.C., where she litigated commercial, real estate, employment discrimination, and education matters before state and federal courts and administrative agencies. Judge Blackburne-Rigsby later joined the District of Columbia Office of the Corporation Counsel (now District of Columbia Office of the Attorney General), where she served as Special Counsel to the Corporation Counsel, working as part of the senior management team. She then served as Deputy Corporation Counsel in charge of the Family Services Division, where she managed the Division's 65 attorneys and support staff, handling child abuse and neglect, child support enforcement, and domestic violence cases.

Judge Blackburne-Rigsby has taught Trial Advocacy at the Harvard Law School and teaches Professional Responsibility as an Adjunct Professor at the David A. Clarke School of Law at the University of the District of Columbia. She has also taught Continuing Legal Education courses for the District of Columbia Bar.

Judge Blackburne-Rigsby has held offices in several judicial organizations. She is a former Chair of the Washington Bar Association's Judicial Council. In addition to her work with the National Association of Women Judges, she also serves as Chair of the Board of Managerial Trustees for the International Association of Women Judges (IAWJ). In March of 2006, Judge Blackburne-Rigsby represented the IAWJ at a Judicial Conference in Turin, Italy, where she delivered a speech on Racial Equality in the Workplace at the Lavoro dei Migranti e Discriminazione Convegno. In 2003, she traveled to Johannesburg, South Africa to participate in

a conference of the African Judicial Network. Through her work with these organizations, Judge Blackburne-Rigsby has sought to promote the rule of law and equal access to justice.

Judge Blackburne-Rigsby's volunteer and community service is not just limited to legal and judicial activities. Among other things, she has served on the D.C. Rape Crisis Board; she is the former President of the Washington, D.C. Chapter of Jack and Jill of America, Inc., and a member of the Washington, D.C. Chapter of the Links, Inc.; and a lifelong member of the NAACP. She served as a Sunday school teacher at Shiloh Baptist Church and coached the girls' basketball team of St. Gabriel's Church. Judge Blackburne-Rigsby has received awards for her legal, judicial and community service, including the Business and Professional Women's League "Sojourner Truth Award."

Judge Blackburne-Rigsby is married to Judge Robert Rigsby, Associate Judge of the District of Columbia Superior Court, former Corporation Counsel for the District of Columbia, and a Colonel and Military Judge in the United States Army Reserves. They are the proud parents of a teenage son. Judge Blackburne-Rigsby is the daughter of retired New York State Supreme Court Justice Laura D. Blackburne and the Hon. Elmer Blackburne, elected District Leader in Queens, NY.