

**THE HONORABLE JOSÉ M. LÓPEZ**  
**ASSOCIATE JUDGE**  
**SUPERIOR COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

President George H. Bush appointed José M. López to be a judge on the Superior Court of the District of Columbia in 1990. His trial experience includes Family matters, Criminal, Civil, Tax, Probate and Domestic Violence; he is currently assigned to the Civil Division.

Judge López was born in the Dominican Republic and grew up in Brooklyn, New York. He received his B.A. from Middlebury College, Vermont, in 1973 and a law degree from Suffolk University Law School, Boston, Massachusetts in 1977. While in law school, he was Associate Editor of the Law Review, Vice President of the Hispanic American Law Student Association, and President of the Black American Law Students Association.

Judge López is a past chair of the Superior Court Judicial Education Committee and was a member of the Rules Committee. He has served as Presiding Judge of the Tax and Probate Division and of the Domestic Violence Unit. He has also served as a member of the Chief Judge's Judicial Leadership Team. In past teaching experience Judge López traveled to Angola, Argentina, Chile, Malawi, Mexico, and Uganda regarding civil delay reduction, mediation and biotechnology. He is past president and co-founder of the Charlotte E. Ray American Inn of Court.

Prior to taking the bench, Judge López was in Private Practice, a member of the D.C. Traffic Adjudication Appeals Board and a member of the D.C. Board of Appeals and Review. Before that, he was an Attorney Advisor to the Benefits Review Board, U.S. Department of Labor. Judge López is the 1997 Recipient of the Award for Judicial Excellence, presented by the American Bar Association National Conference of State Trial Judges.