

THE HONORABLE ROBERT R. RIGSBY
ASSOCIATE JUDGE
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA SUPERIOR COURT

On March 4, 2002, Robert R. Rigsby was nominated by President George W. Bush to be an Associate Judge of the District of Columbia Superior Court. The United States Senate unanimously confirmed Judge Rigsby on July 25, 2002.

Judge Rigsby served as Corporation Counsel (re-designated Attorney General) for the District of Columbia from February of 2000 until his confirmation. As Corporation Counsel, Judge Rigsby was responsible for conducting all legal business for the District. He oversaw 225 lawyers, 288 support staff, and was directly responsible for an annual operating budget of \$48 million.

Prior to his appointment as Corporation Counsel, Judge Rigsby served as Interim Corporation Counsel, Acting Principle Deputy Corporation Counsel, Deputy Corporation Counsel in charge of the Enforcement Division and Deputy Corporation Counsel in charge of the Criminal Division. Before joining the Office of Corporation Counsel in 1992, Judge Rigsby was an Assistant United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia.

Judge Rigsby is currently a Colonel in the United States Army Reserve. From 1987 to 1992, he served on active duty in the United States Army Judge Advocate General's Corps. He worked as a prosecutor, defense attorney, administrative law attorney, international law attorney, law of war attorney, legal advisor to the Multinational Force and Observers, and Special Assistant United States Attorney for Tennessee and Kentucky. As a Judge Advocate, Judge Rigsby handled sensitive legal issues in Egypt, Israel, Korea, Japan, Kuwait, and Saudi Arabia. Judge Rigsby is a graduate of the United States Army Command and General Staff College, and was selected as an outstanding graduate of the United States Air Force Air War College. As an Army officer, Judge Rigsby has received numerous awards, decorations, and honors for outstanding trial work and acts of heroism and valor. In June 2003, the Judge Advocate General of the Army appointed Judge Rigsby as a Military Judge.

In 2009, Judge Rigsby made history by becoming the first sitting judge from the District of Columbia and the first military judge in the Army to deploy on a full-time basis to an active theatre of war. The Chief Trial Judge of the Army selected Judge Rigsby to deploy to be the sole military judge in Kuwait, Afghanistan, and Iraq. For his service, the Secretary of the Army awarded Judge Rigsby the Bronze Star.

Judge Rigsby is a member of the following bars: United States Supreme Court, District of Columbia, United States District Court for the District of Columbia, United States Circuit Court, Hawaii Supreme Court, United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit, and Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces. He is also a member of the Washington Bar Association and National Bar Association's Judicial Council.

Judge Rigsby served two terms as Chair of the Commission on the Selection and Tenure of Administrative Law Judges. The Commission has final authority to appoint, reappoint, discipline, and remove Administrative Law Judges in the District of Columbia. As part of President William Jefferson Clinton's National Capital Revitalization and Self-Improvement Act, Judge Rigsby was selected to serve as one of nine commissioners to recommend

modifications to the District of Columbia's Sentencing Guidelines. Judge Rigsby was appointed by the Chief Judge of the United States District Court for the District of Columbia to serve on the District Court's Committee on Grievances. He was appointed Chairman of the District of Columbia Legal Affairs Committee for the 1997 Presidential Inauguration.

Judge Rigsby was a member of the District of Columbia Coalition Against Drugs and Violence. He serves as a mentor for the Youth Enhancement Project of Shiloh Baptist Church's Family Life Center in Washington, D.C., and was appointed to the Board of Directors for the Family Life Center in 1999. For two years, Judge Rigsby was the Chair of the Pastoral Principal Advisory Board at his son's former school, St. Ann's Academy. He is active in his son's Boy Scout troop and was a coach for his son's baseball team. Judge Rigsby is a member of 100 Black Men of Greater Washington, D.C., Inc. and is a member of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Judge Rigsby has also served as an adjunct professor at the University of Maryland, University College, Bowie State University, and the University of the District of Columbia School of Law.

Judge Rigsby was born in San Francisco, California and raised in Vallejo, California. He received his law degree from the University of California, Hastings College of the Law. He received his Bachelor of Science degree with distinction from San Jose State University. At the end of his sophomore year of college, Judge Rigsby was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the United States Army Reserve. Judge Rigsby is married to Judge Anna Blackburne-Rigsby, an associate judge on the District of Columbia Court of Appeals. Judge Rigsby and Judge Blackburne-Rigsby are the proud parents of a son, Julian Christopher Rigsby.