

**HEIDI M. PASICHOW  
ASSOCIATE JUDGE  
SUPERIOR COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

Judge Pasichow was sworn in as a D.C. Superior Court Judge on August 25, 2008. Since her appointment, Judge Pasichow has presided over criminal and civil protection order trials while assigned to the Domestic Violence Unit, felony jury trials during her assignment to the Criminal Division, juvenile trials, truancy and runaways cases involving minors and their adult guardians while assigned to the Family Court, and adult criminal cases certified for mental health diversion while assigned to the Criminal Division's Mental Health Community Court. She serves on the Domestic Violence Rules Advisory Committee, the Security Committee and the Jury Management Committee.

In 1986, Judge Pasichow was sworn in as an Assistant United States Attorney in the Office of the United States Attorney for the District of Columbia, where she remained until her appointment as Associate Judge. She served in the Appellate Division early in her career, in all sections of the Superior Court Division and handled a variety of federal cases for the Transnational Major Crimes and Federal Major Crimes Sections of the Office's Criminal Division.

During her tenure at the U.S. Attorney's Office, Judge Pasichow served as Deputy Chief of the Homicide Division, Chief of the Violent Crime Section, District Chief of the Community Prosecution-Major Crimes Section for the Second and Fourth Police Districts, and Special Counsel for Professional Development in the Superior Court Division. In those roles, she managed line prosecutors and their caseloads, worked to advance that Office's presence in and participation with community crime-solving efforts, assisted with the professional development and advocacy skills of prosecutors practicing before the D.C. Superior Court, and instructed Assistant United States Attorneys across the country in areas of trial advocacy, criminal procedure, and evidence, at the United States Department of Justice's National Advocacy Center.

Judge Pasichow is active in the Washington D.C. legal community. She was District of Columbia Chair for the National Association of Women Judges from 2013-2014 and has been NAWJ's Fourth District (MD. Va. D.C.) since 2015. As a faculty member with The National Institute for Trial Advocacy (NITA) since 1998, she teaches the Washington D.C. basic and advanced trial advocacy skills programs to attorneys throughout the country. Judge Pasichow was honored with the National Institute for Trial Advocacy's Justin D. Simon Award for Excellence in Teaching. She is also currently an Adjunct Professor at Georgetown University Law School as an instructor of trial advocacy. She has judged numerous area law school mock trials and moot court competitions as well as participated in high school mock trials through the Georgetown University's Street Law Clinic. Judge Pasichow is a member of the Bryant Inn of Court.

