

THE HONORABLE PETER A. KRAUTHAMER
ASSOCIATE JUDGE
SUPERIOR COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Judge Peter A. Krauthamer was appointed to the District of Columbia Superior Court in 2011 by President Barack Obama.

Judge Krauthamer has resided in the District of Columbia and Silver Spring, Maryland since 1970. He graduated from Bethesda Chevy Chase High School and received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Brandeis University in 1979, and a Juris Doctorate from Boston University School of Law in 1982.

After graduating from law school, Judge Krauthamer began his career as a staff attorney at the Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia (PDS) in 1983. While at PDS, Judge Krauthamer handled juvenile delinquency cases, adult misdemeanors and tried numerous felony cases, including serious and complex felony one cases. During his tenure at PDS, Judge Krauthamer served as Deputy Chief of the Trial Division in 1988, Trial Chief in 1990, and Training Director in 1992. He joined the Federal Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia from 1994 to 1995, and then joined the Howard University School of Law Faculty as an Assistant Professor where he taught Evidence and also served as a Clinical Supervising Attorney for the Criminal Justice Clinic from 1995 to 2000. Thereafter, Judge Krauthamer served as Deputy Director for the District of Columbia Pretrial Services Agency until 2004, when he rejoined PDS as its Deputy Director until his judicial appointment.

Since his appointment to the Superior Court bench, Judge Krauthamer served in the Civil Division from January 2012 until January 2013. He then began his assignment in the Family Court, Domestic Relations Branch from January 2013 through December 2015. From January 2016 through December 2016, Judge Krauthamer served as a Family Court Juvenile Delinquency Judge. On January 1, 2017, Judge Krauthamer began serving as the Deputy Presiding Judge of the Family Court. On January 1, 2019, Judge Krauthamer was then appointed to serve as the Presiding Judge of the Family Court and served in that appointment through December 31, 2021. On January 1, 2022, Judge Krauthamer began serving in the Criminal Division.