

THE HONORABLE RUPA RANGA PUTTAGUNTA
ASSOCIATE JUDGE
SUPERIOR COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Judge Rupa Ranga Puttagunta was nominated by President Joseph Biden in March 2021 and confirmed by the Senate in February 2022.

Judge Ranga was born and raised in St. Marys, Ohio, and graduated high school from the Andrews School in Willoughby, Ohio. She holds a bachelor of arts in economics and political science from Vassar College and a juris doctor from The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law.

Upon graduation from law school, Judge Ranga clerked for the Honorable William M. Jackson, then-Presiding Judge of Family Court at D.C. Superior Court. She then clerked for the Senior Judges at the D.C. Court of Appeals. After her clerkships, Judge Ranga worked at a boutique family law firm, Delaney McKinney, LLP. She provided hundreds of hours of *pro bono* legal services by representing victims of domestic violence and volunteering at D.C. Superior Court's Family Court Self-Help Center and the Attorney Negotiator Program.

In 2013, Judge Ranga established her own law firm, Ranga Law, and served on the Criminal Justice Act ("CJA") panels of D.C. Superior Court and the D.C. Court of Appeals. She represented hundreds of indigent criminal defendants in trial and on appeal. She also served on D.C. Superior Court's CJA Panel Advisory Committee.

In November 2018, Mayor Muriel Bowser nominated Judge Ranga to serve as an Administrative Judge at the D.C. Rental Housing Commission. She was confirmed by D.C. Council in December 2018. She continued in that position until her appointment to D.C. Superior Court.