

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

THE HONORABLE SUSAN D. WIGENTON **United States District Judge**

In June 2006, Susan D. Wigenton was appointed by President George W. Bush, to the lifetime position of United States District Judge, for the District of New Jersey. Previously, she served as a United States Magistrate Judge, in a part-time and then full -time capacity from 1997 until 2006.

Additionally, Judge Wigenton was a trial attorney engaged in private practice in her own firm, until April 2000, when she was appointed to the Bench on a full-time basis. Prior to that time, she practiced with the law firm of Giordano, Halleran & Ciesla, P.C., Middletown, New Jersey, where she was a Partner/Shareholder. She also served as the Public Defender for the City of Asbury Park, from 1989 until 1993, and graded bar exams for the State of New Jersey Board of Bar Examiners for more than eight (8) years. From 1987 through 1988, Judge Wigenton served as the Judicial Law Clerk to the Honorable Lawrence M. Lawson, who recently retired after serving as the Assignment Judge for the Monmouth County Superior Court.

Judge Wigenton holds a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science from Norfolk State University, Norfolk, Virginia and a Doctorate of Jurisprudence Degree from the College of William & Mary, Marshall-Wythe School of Law, Williamsburg, Virginia. She has received numerous awards and citations, which include: ATHENA Award nominee, Western Monmouth Chamber of Commerce, Woman of Distinction Award, Monmouth Council of Girl Scouts; Women Lawyers in Monmouth Achievement Award; Long Branch NAACP Presidential Award; Martin Luther King Champions For Social Justice and Equality Award, Rutgers Law School (Camden); The Association of Black Women Lawyers of New Jersey Distinguished Member of the Legal Community Award; W.E.B. DuBois Citation for Merit; and National Association For Educational Opportunity (NAFEO) Distinguished Alumni Award. She is also a member of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

Judge Wigenton is a very active member in her church, St. Paul Baptist, Atlantic Highlands, New Jersey, where she formerly served as Chair of the Board of Trustees. Additionally, her late father, Dr. Henry P. Davis, Jr., served as Pastor of St. Paul Baptist Church.

Judge Wigenton is involved in many professional and community organizations. She previously served as Secretary, Monmouth County Urban League; Treasurer, New Jersey Educational Facilities Authority; and Chair, Monmouth County District Ethics Committee. She has also served on various Boards, including the Community Advisory Committee for Reinvestment for PNC Bank, (*formerly* Midlantic National Bank); the Monmouth Council of Girl Scouts; and as a Member of the Historical Society for the Federal Court for the District of New Jersey. Presently, she is a member of the Judicial Conference of the United States, Information Technology Committee and Artificial Intelligence Task Force.

Judge Wigenton has served as the keynote speaker for numerous organizations, specifically addressing issues concerning women and young adults. She is married to Kevin P. Wigenton, Esq., who is engaged in private practice in Red Bank, New Jersey.