

The Honorable Eugene N. Hamilton
Senior Judge, Superior Court of Washington, District of Columbia
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Judge Hamilton was born and raised and educated through high school in Memphis, Tennessee. He received his bachelor's and law degrees from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Illinois.

Judge Hamilton served in the Judge Advocate General Corp of the United States Army and as a trial attorney in the Civil Division of the United States Department of Justice.

In 1970, Judge Hamilton was appointed as an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia. He served as an Associate Judge until 1983 when he was named Chief Judge of the Superior Court. Judge Hamilton continued to serve as Chief Judge until 2000 when he was named a Senior Judge of the court.

Judge Hamilton has been a member of the faculty of the Harvard Law School as a Lecturer on Law on trial advocacy since 1985.

During his tenure as Chief Judge, he established an open community court, to which all persons were offered easy access as victims, litigants, witnesses, lawyers, staff, and jurors and became affectionately known as the "*People's Judge*."

Serving children in the District of Columbia has been an integral part of Judge Hamilton's life and career.

Under his tenure as Chief Judge, the highly successful Court Appointed Special Advocates Organization, which advocates for court involved abused and neglected children, has been publicly funded, enabling it to provide this critical service on a regular basis. .

Judge Hamilton's commitment to children carries over into his personal life. Parents of nine children, Judge Hamilton and his wife, Virginia, have been foster parents to more than 40 children who were in the child welfare systems of both the District of Columbia and the State of Maryland. For his committed service to the children and youth, Judge Hamilton has received numerous honors and awards, too numerous to even begin to name.

Judge Hamilton has served as chair the District of Columbia Mayor's Blue Ribbon Commission on Youth Safety and Juvenile Justice. He is Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Luke C. Moore Academy and Senior High School, which is the District of Columbia Public Schools' only nationally, accredited alternative high school. Judge Hamilton serves on the District of Columbia Department of Youth Rehabilitation Services Advisory Board.

Judge Hamilton is a member of the Board of Directors of the Capital Area Food Bank and serves as its Secretary. He is also a member of the Board of Directors of the Youth Leadership Foundation. In addition, Judge Hamilton is a member of the Board of Directors of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Alumni Board of Directors and serves as the Chair of its Program Committee. Virginia David Hamilton and Judge Hamilton have been married to each other for fifty-one years. They have nine children, Alexandra, Steven, James, Eric, David, Rachael, Jeremiah, Michael and Marcus. They also have eleven grandchildren, Aaron, Kanaan, Arianna, Adrian, Lonnie, Maya, Malik, Malcolm, Samantha, Nathan and Luke.