

**THE HONORABLE NOËL ANKETELL KRAMER**  
**ASSOCIATE JUDGE**  
**DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA COURT OF APPEALS**

Judge Noël Anketell Kramer was appointed to the District of Columbia Court of Appeals in 2005 by President George W. Bush.

Judge Kramer was appointed to the Superior Court bench in 1984, where she served for nearly twenty-one years. She was the Deputy Presiding Judge of the Criminal Division from 1999 to 2003 and the Presiding Judge of the Criminal Division from 2002 to 2005. During her time on the trial court, she handled hundreds of cases, including many homicide cases, and wrote and published numerous opinions. She was also a member of Superior Court committees that instituted the one-day-or-one-trial jury service system and that formulated a code of conduct for and provided ethical advice to the judges of the D.C. Courts. As Deputy Presiding Judge of the Criminal Division, she headed a committee that formulated a plan that changed the standards for qualifying to represent indigent defendants in the Superior Court. During her tenure as Presiding Judge of the Division, she helped to establish and presided over the East of the River Community Court.

Before becoming a judge on the Superior Court, Judge Kramer was an attorney at the firm of Wilmer, Cutler & Pickering (now Wilmer Hale) and an Assistant United States Attorney for the District of Columbia, where she was Chief of the Grand Jury Section.

Judge Kramer is an active member of several local and national legal organizations, including the National Association of Women Judges, the American Bar Association, D.C. Bar, Women's Bar Association of the District of Columbia, the Greater Washington Area Chapter of the Women Lawyers Division of the National Bar Association, and the Charlotte E. Ray American Inn of Court.

Judge Kramer received the Judge Robert A. Shuker Award from an association of former U.S. Attorneys in 2004 and the Women's Bar Association named her Woman Lawyer of the Year in May 2005, among other recognitions. She is currently the co-chair of the 2006 D.C. Courts' Judicial Conference and of the Strategic Planning Leadership Council of the Courts.

Judge Kramer was born in Bay City, Michigan. She graduated with honors from Vassar College and from the University of Michigan Law School, where she served as an editor of the Law Review and as the first president of the school's Women Law Student's Association.

Judge Kramer is married to Franklin David Kramer, a defense and international consultant, formerly the Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs. They have two children.