

Patricia Broderick: From River Dell to DC Courts

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Patricia A. Broderick began her life as a newborn in New York City. An Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia since November 3, 1998, she led the halls of [River Dell Regional](#) in 1967.

Now a Washington D.C. native, Judge Broderick earned her B.A. in sociology *cum laude* from Trinity College in Washington, D.C., after spending a summer in Guayaquil, Ecuador as a volunteer social worker for the Meals for Millions Program.

Broderick received a HEW traineeship for graduate study and earned her Masters Degree in Rehabilitation Counseling from George Washington University. After receiving her degree, she served as a Probation and Parole Officer for the Commonwealth of Virginia.

While in law school, Judge Broderick interned as a law clerk for the law firm of Hall, Surovell, Jackson and Colten. In 1981 she received her J.D. from The Columbus School of Law of The Catholic University of America. She was listed in *Who's Who in American Women* that same year.

Following law school, Judge Broderick was Law Clerk to the Honorable Henry F. Greene from 1981-1982. In 1982, she joined the U.S. Attorney's Office as an Assistant U.S. Attorney, where she served in the Misdemeanor Trial and Grand Jury Sections, as well as the Appellate and Felony Divisions. Judge Broderick also served in the Felony I Division, where she tried cases involving premeditated murder, rape, and sexual offenses against children. She received the Department of Justice Special Achievement Award in 1988.

In 1989, Judge Broderick joined the Money Laundering & Asset Forfeiture Sections of the U.S. Department of Justice, where she received another Department of Justice Special Achievement Award in 1990. Judge Broderick moved to the Office of Financial Enforcement at the U.S. Department of Treasury in 1992, where she became Chief of the International Section. She led the U.S. negotiating team for a bilateral Money Laundering Information Exchange Agreement with Paraguay and spearheaded two inter-agency money laundering assessment teams, one in Ecuador and another in Guatemala.

She has traveled extensively and lectured internationally on anti-money laundering methods in several countries, including Panama, Belize, Martinique, Chile, and Malaysia. Beginning in June 1994, she served as an Attorney for the Task Force on Tax Refund Fraud. From 1995 to 1998, Judge Broderick was Special Counsel to the Violence Against Women Office at the U.S. Department of Justice.

Upon joining the Court, Judge Broderick served in the Family Division (now Family Court), handling paternity and support motions, mental health commitments, and child abuse and neglect matters. In 2000, Judge Broderick began serving in the Criminal Division. From 2002 – 2004, Judge Broderick was assigned to Felony I matters, handling murder and sexual assault cases. Judge Broderick has also served in the Civil Division.

Judge Broderick is currently assigned to the Family Court presiding over juvenile delinquency cases. In addition to her career obligations, Judge Broderick taught trial advocacy at George Washington University Law School and also teaches in the Emory University Law School Trial Techniques Program.

She has also been part of the mentor programs at her alma maters, Trinity College and The Columbus School of Law of The Catholic University of America. In her spare time Judge Broderick enjoys the theater, travels, plays the flute, and is an avid snow skier and water skier.