

FERN FLANAGAN SADDLER
ASSOCIATE JUDGE
SUPERIOR COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

President George W. Bush appointed Fern Flanagan Saddler to the Superior Court of the District of Columbia as an Associate Judge in 2003.

Judge Saddler is the daughter of the late Thomas Earl Flanagan, Sr. and the late Marjorie Brooks Flanagan. After graduating from high school she received her Bachelor of Arts degree in 1976 from Wellesley College in Wellesley, Massachusetts. After college, Judge Saddler attended Georgetown University Law Center in Washington, D.C. where she received her Juris Doctor degree in 1979.

Upon graduation from law school, Judge Saddler was an attorney at the general practice law firm of Mitchell, Shorter & Gartrell where she was involved in trial and appellate work in local and federal courts in the Washington D.C. metropolitan area. In 1984, Judge Saddler became an Assistant Bar Counsel for the District of Columbia Office of Bar Counsel where she investigated and prosecuted complaints of attorney misconduct. Beginning in 1988, Judge Saddler served as a Senior Staff Attorney for the District of Columbia Court of Appeals where she supervised staff attorneys and law clerks. From July 1990 through January 1991, she was the Acting Chief Deputy Clerk at the District of Columbia Court Appeals.

From 1991 to 2003, Judge Saddler served as a Magistrate Judge (formerly known as Hearing Commissioner) of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, where she presided over thousands of matters in the Criminal, Civil, and Family Court Divisions of the court.

Throughout her professional career, Judge Saddler has been active in many bar associations and numerous professional and community organizations, including: the Washington Bar Association; the Women's Bar Association; the National Association of Women Judges; the Greater Washington Area Chapter, Women's Lawyers Division, National Bar Association (GWAC); and the Charlotte E. Ray American Inn of Court.

Judge Saddler is married to Reverend Dr. Paul Harvey Saddler. He is the Pastor of Twelfth Street Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Washington, D.C.