PRESS ADVISORY

Long-Time Attorney in the District of Columbia to be Sworn in as Superior Court Judge

WHAT: Investiture of Jennifer A. DiToro

WHEN: Friday, October 14, 2011 at 4:00 pm

WHERE: Third Floor Atrium, Moultrie Courthouse
500 Indiana Ave, NW

WHO: Chief Judge Lee F. Satterfield, presiding
Judge Todd Edelman will administer the oath of office

Biography: Judge Jennifer A. DiToro was nominated by President Barack Obama in February 2011, and confirmed by the Senate in September 2011.

Judge Di Toro holds a Bachelor’s Degree from Wesleyan University, a Master’s Degree from The University of Oxford and a Masters in Advocacy from Georgetown University Law Center. Following graduation from Stanford Law School, she received an E. Barrett Prettyman Fellowship to work in the Georgetown University Law Center’s Criminal Justice Clinic. There she represented low-income residents of the District of Columbia in D.C. Superior Court. She also supervised law students handling misdemeanor cases. After the completion of her Fellowship, Judge Di Toro joined the Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia as a staff attorney. In addition to handling misdemeanor and felony cases, Judge Di Toro also worked in the Special Litigation Division where she assisted in preparing impact litigation suits, and for the General Counsel’s office handling ethics and conflicts inquiries.

Judge Di Toro has also been in private practice, as an associate at the law firm Zuckerman Spaeder LLP. There, she participated in white-collar criminal defense, complex civil litigation, and provided direct representation to clients in D.C. Superior Court.

During her fifteen years of practice, Jennifer Di Toro has worked in government, in private practice, and legal services. She joins the Superior Court for the District of Columbia from The District of Columbia’s Children’s Law Center, where she served for seven years as the organization’s Legal Director. At The Children’s Law Center, Judge Di Toro oversaw the work of nearly fifty lawyers engaged in all aspects of litigation involving children and families in the District of Columbia. Judge Di
Toro was responsible for hiring, training, and supervising attorneys and supervisors assisting families seeking custody, guardianship, adoption, access to health care and special education services for needy children and families. Together with other members of the Center’s management team, Judge Di Toro established supervision standards, training and litigation protocols, and program expansion and innovation.

Throughout her career Judge Di Toro has been an active member of the legal profession. She has trained law students, attorneys working in legal services and those in private practice through the Washington Council of Lawyers, Georgetown University Law Center, and the Harvard Law School.

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