

THE HONORABLE STEPHEN RICKARD
MAGISTRATE JUDGE
SUPERIOR COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Stephen Rickard was appointed as a magistrate judge by Chief Judge Anita Josey-Herring on August 15, 2022.

Judge Rickard has served in the Civil Division, and hears Landlord & Tenant cases, Small Claims cases, Debt Collection cases, and Mortgage Foreclosure cases. He has served on multiple committees including the Information Technology Steering Committee, the Committee on Amenities and Misfortunes, the Committee on Judicial Education and Training, and the Committee on Civil Jury Instructions.

From 2009 until his appointment to the Court, he served as an assistant United States attorney (AUSA) in the District of Columbia, most recently in the Homicide Section. He previously served as chief of the General Crimes Section and as a deputy chief supervising the Misdemeanor Unit and, later, violent crime prosecutions in the Felony Major Crimes Section.

As a supervisor, he oversaw thousands of cases, managed case intake at certain times, trained AUSAs and police officers, met with community members, and served as the agency representative on various committees. He also served in the office's Appellate Division and as a line attorney in the General Crimes and Major Crimes Sections. As an AUSA, he argued dozens of appeals in the D.C. Court of Appeals and tried dozens of cases in the Superior Court.

He earned his Bachelor of Arts degree, *magna cum laude*, from Brown University and his Juris Doctor degree, *summa cum laude*, from the Boston University School of Law.

Before joining the United States Attorney's Office, Mr. Rickard served as law clerk for the Honorable Joseph L. Tauro on the U.S. District Court of the District of Massachusetts and the Honorable Juan R. Torruella on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit.