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D.C. Superior Court Adds Three Magistrate Judges to Fill Recent Retirements

The DC Superior Court's Board of Judges today approved three new magistrate judges, appointed to fill the vacancies created by the retirements of Magistrate Judges Diana Harris Epps, Karen Howze and Michael McCarthy:

Rahkel Bouchet is a Principal in the Bouchet Law Firm, where her areas of concentration are: alternative dispute resolution, civil, criminal, employment, education and family law. In addition, since June of 2013, Ms. Bouchet has served as Supervising Attorney of the Child Welfare Legal Clinic at Howard University School of Law.

Ms. Bouchet graduated from Howard University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Legal Communications and received her law degree from Howard University School of Law. Upon graduation from law school, she worked as Principal and General Counsel of Two-Four Enterprises in Houston, Texas.

Diane Lepley is in private practice, specializing in criminal and civil litigation. Ms. Lepley practices extensively in DC Superior Court and the US District Court for DC. She is the former Director and Vice President of the DC Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers.

Ms. Lepley received a Bachelor of Arts degree in English/Speech from the University of Illinois-Champaign, a Masters in Speech Communications from West Virginia University and a law degree from The George Washington University. Upon graduation from law school, she clerked for the Honorable Tim Murphy, DC Superior Court.

Shana Frost Matini serves as a trial attorney with the Office of the Attorney General for the District of Columbia where she defended the District of Columbia against a wide variety of claims in both the DC Superior Court and US District Court for DC.

Ms. Frost Matini is a graduate of The George Washington University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in International Affairs. She earned her law degree from the District of Columbia School of Law. After graduating from law school, *magna cum laude*, she served as law clerk to the Honorable Richard A. Levie, DC Superior Court.

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