

**DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA COMMISSION
ON JUDICIAL DISABILITIES AND TENURE**
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May 16, 2023

The Honorable John M. Ferren
Associate Judge
District of Columbia Court of Appeals
430 E Street, NW, Room 115
Washington, DC 20001

Dear Judge Ferren,

It is with deep appreciation for your service to the citizens of the District of Columbia as an Associate Judge and Senior Judge on the District of Columbia Court of Appeals that the Commission on Judicial Disabilities and Tenure honors your decision to retire and not seek another term as a Senior Judge.

The Commission recognizes that you have had a remarkable career and tenure with the Court since 1977, with a brief two-year break to serve as Corporation Counsel for the District of Columbia, and your selfless commitment to serve the citizens of the District of Columbia is truly admirable.

At the time of your reappointment evaluation in 1992, the Commission reminded us that the term “well qualified” is reserved for those judges, like you, whose work product, legal scholarship, dedication, efficiency, and demeanor are exceptional on the bench, and the candidate’s performance consistently reflects credit on the judicial system. In its June 1, 1992 letter to the President, it went on to say:

The Commission’s interviews and review of the record have identified an overwhelming amount of praise regarding Judge Ferren’s scholarly opinions, his fairness, acute sense of legal issues, diligence, and devotion of time and energy to the administration of justice in general. There was also uniform recognition among the legal community of Judge Ferren’s longstanding commitment to the provision of legal services to the poor. In every instance, commenters strongly supported Judge Ferren for reappointment and praised him as an outstanding appellate judge.

Clearly you are and have been an outstanding appellate judge. Being mindful that the timely resolution of disputes is critical to the proper functioning of the District of Columbia court system, you also did your part by consistently having one of the lowest backlogs of any judge on the Court of Appeals despite a heavy caseload. You also spent a great deal of time on bar related matters and Court committees to improve the administration of justice for the entire DC

community. Clearly you are and have been an outstanding public servant worthy of the extraordinary praise you have received throughout your career.

On behalf of the entire Commission, we humbly send our deepest gratitude and appreciation for your contributions to our community. We wish you well in your retirement.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Colleen Kollar-Kotelly". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Hon. Colleen Kollar-Kotelly
Chairperson

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Diane M. Brenneman". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Hon. Diane Brenneman
Vice Chairperson