

Karen Aileen Howze, retired District of Columbia magistrate judge, is currently the Judge-in-Residence at the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges (NCJFCJ). Appointed to the bench in 2002, Judge Howze retired in 2015 after presiding over abuse and neglect, domestic violence, arraignments and municipal misdemeanor cases. She had a solo law practice following a 20 year career as a newspaper reporter, editor, and news executive in Detroit, San Francisco, Long Island, and Rochester. She moved to Washington, D.C., in 1981 as a member of the development team and a founding editor of USA TODAY. After leaving the newspaper business in 1991, Judge Howze launched a law practice that focused on advocacy for children, the elderly, and people with disabilities. Between 2001 and 2002, Judge Howze also worked part-time at the American Bar Association's (ABA) Center on Children in the Law where she was the principal writer/editor of *Health for Teens in Care: a Judge's Guide*. From 2000 to 2001, she served as special master in the Family Division, D.C. Superior Court, to develop strategies for the implementation of the Adoption and Safe Families Act. In addition, Judge Howze served as a consultant on diversity issues to the newspaper industry, taught at Howard University and American University in their schools of communications, and conducted Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) investigations as a contractor investigator. In 1996, Judge Howze wrote: *Making Differences Work: Cultural Context in Abuse and Neglect Practice* while under contract with the ABA's Center on Children and the Law. She is a graduate of Hastings College of the Law in San Francisco, CA. Judge Howze is a former member of the Board of Directors of the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges (NCJFCJ).