

The Honorable Dawne G. Westbrook

The Honorable Dawne G. Westbrook was appointed to the Connecticut Superior Court in February 2009.

Judge Westbrook received her Bachelor of Arts degree in English and philosophy, Magna Cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa from Fisk University in Nashville, Tennessee in 1992. She graduated from Vanderbilt University School of Law in Nashville, Tennessee in 1995 and was admitted to the Connecticut Bar in 1999.

Former Governor M. Jodi Rell nominated Judge Westbrook to the bench on Feb. 2, 2009, and she was sworn in on Feb. 26, 2009. Since then, she has served at Hartford's Geographical Area No. 14 Courthouse and Manchester's Geographical Area No. 12 Courthouse. She also has served in Hartford's Family Court. In 2013, Judge Westbrook was assigned to the Rockville Courthouse for Juvenile Matters, where she remains. In September 2017, she became administrative judge for the Tolland Judicial District; Judge Westbrook was named Chief Administrative Judge for Juvenile Matters, effective Sept. 6, 2021.

Judge Westbrook worked as a solo practitioner in Middletown and Glastonbury (August 2003-2009). She also served as Assistant Commission Counsel for the State of Connecticut Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities (April 1997-September 2000); a member of the State Grievance Panel (2007-2009); a board member of the Connecticut Women's Education and Legal Fund (2007-2009); and as Legal Redress Counsel for the Connecticut chapter of the NAACP (2005-2009).

Before and after she became a judge, Judge Westbrook served as a member of the Connecticut Judicial Branch's Public Service and Trust Commission (2007-2009). As a judge, she chairs the judges' Education Committee, and serves as a member of the Client Security Fund, the Connecticut Bar Foundation, Lawyers Concerned for Lawyers Board of Directors and the Judicial-Media Committee. Judge Westbrook remains active with non-judicial organizations as well, including as a board member for the Harriet Beecher Stowe House; vice president of the Farmington Valley Links, Incorporated, a member of the NAACP; a member of the Greater Hartford Chapter of Jack & Jill of America, Inc.; and a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.