

Hon. Hope C. Seeley

Judge Hope C. Seeley graduated from the University of Connecticut with a Bachelor of Arts, *Magna Cum Laude* in May 1986 and earned her *Juris Doctor* with honors from the University of Connecticut School of Law in 1989.

Judge Seeley was nominated to be a Judge of the Superior Court by Governor Dannel P. Malloy on January 24, 2013, and the General Assembly approved her nomination on March 6, 2013. She currently is the Assistant Administrative Judge for the Judicial District of Tolland and is assigned to the criminal jury docket. She serves on the Executive Committee, Education Committee, the Judicial-Media Committee and the Criminal Jury Instructions Committee for the Judicial Branch.

Judge Seeley was the recipient of the Maxwell Heiman Award in 1998 from the Hartford County Bar Association, the Distinguished Graduate Award in 2006 from the University of Connecticut School of Law and the Equal Justice Advocate Award in 2007. She also was inducted as a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers in 2011.

Prior to Judge Seeley's appointment, she was a principal in the Hartford law firm of Santos & Seeley, P.C. She practiced in both the state and federal courts and was involved in a broad variety of criminal and civil cases, both at the trial and appellate levels.

From 1990 until her appointment, Judge Seeley was an instructor at the University of Connecticut School of Law and she lectured annually at CTLA's Criminal Litigation Seminar, presenting the Annual Review of Significant Criminal Law Decisions.

Prior to her appointment to the bench, she had been listed in the criminal defense section of the *Best Lawyers in America*, and had been named as one of the top 50 lawyers and top 25 female lawyers in Connecticut by *Super Lawyers*.

Judge Seeley also has volunteered as Mock Trial Coach/Attorney Advisor for King Philip Middle School, West Hartford, and for Hall High School in West Hartford. During her coaching tenure, both schools won state championships. In addition, she has served as a member of the Greater Hartford Legal Aid Foundation and as a board member, officer and chair of Community Partners in Action. She currently serves on the Board for Civics First, a non-profit organization that promotes law-related education programs in schools.