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Judge Gruendel graduated with honors from the University of Connecticut School of Law in 1984, and began his career as a litigator in New Haven at the law firm of Jacobs, Grudberg, Belt & Dow. In May 1998, Judge Gruendel was appointed to the bench as a Superior Court Judge working in the family court division. Deeply respected as a family court judge, he was then appointed as the Chief Administrative Judge for the Family Division of the Superior Court in 2001. In 2005, Governor M. Jodi Rell nominated Judge Gruendel to the Appellate Court, where he served with distinction until his retirement from the bench.

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