

THE WOR. JUAN P. WOLFFE

The Worshipful Juan Wolffe was appointed as Magistrate in 2005 and as Senior Magistrate in October 2014.

Born in Bermuda in 1965, he was called to both the Bar of England and Wales (Gray's Inn) and the Bermuda Bar in 1994. After attending The Berkeley Institute and The Bermuda College he served as a police constable in the Bermuda Police Service between 1983 and 1986. Thereafter, he obtained a Bachelor of Arts (BA) from York University (Canada) in 1989, a Bachelor of Laws (LL.B)(Hons.) from the University of Kent (Canterbury, United Kingdom) in 1992, and, he received further legal education at the Inns of Court School of Law.

Prior to his appointment as Magistrate he served as Litigation Counsel in a private law firm specializing in Civil, Personal Injury, Matrimonial and Criminal litigation in all courts of Bermuda (1994 – 2000). From 2000 to 2005 he worked in the Department of Public Prosecutions, starting as a Crown Counsel and elevating to the positions of Senior Crown Counsel and Principal Crown Counsel.

In 2007 he served as Acting Director of Public Prosecutions. While at the Department of Public Prosecutions he was responsible for criminal litigation in all the courts of Bermuda; was the supervisor of the Court Administration Team; rendered legal advice to various government departments; trained and mentored junior Crown Counsels and pupils; and, conducted numerous seminars and presentations for government and non-government groups.

For several years Mr. Wolffe was the criminal law course facilitator conducted by the University of Kent (Canterbury, UK) through the Bermuda College. He has also been a member of: the Traffic Working Group (2004 – 2005); the Justice System Review Committee (2004); the Mental Health Court Task Force Committee (2003); the National Anti-Money Laundering Committee (2002 – 2003); the Bermuda Drug Court Implementation Committee (2001); and, the Charter Institute of Arbitrators (1999).

Mr. Wolffe has been the presiding Magistrate of Bermuda's Drug Treatment Court since 2013, in 2014 he initiated and presided over the Mental Health Court, and in 2019 he initiated and currently presides over the Driving Under the Influence (DUI) Court. In this

regard, Mr. Wolffe has delivered several local and overseas presentations to various organizations about therapeutic/treatment Courts.

Mr. Wolffe is currently the Chairman of the Betting Licensing Authority of Bermuda, and a former Chairman of the Liquor Licensing Authority of Bermuda. Mr. Wolffe is married with two (2) children and enjoys spending time with his family.