

HON. DEBORAH J. ISRAEL

The Honorable Deborah J. Israel graduated from Rutgers University with Honors in Political Science in 1986 and received her law degree from Rutgers Law School in 1990. Between college and law school, Judge Israel interned for United States Congressman Peter W. Rodino, Jr. (D-NJ). For nearly 16 years, Judge Israel was a partner in the law firm of Womble Bond Dickinson where she served as Chief Operating Partner of the firm. Prior to joining Womble, Judge Israel was a partner with DLA Piper (formerly Piper Rudnick LLP). While in private practice, Judge Israel was named a Fellow in the American Bar Foundation and a Fellow in the Litigation Counsel of America - Trial Lawyer Honor Society. She was named to America's Top 100 Bet-the-Company Litigators in the fields of commercial litigation, real estate, land use, and zoning. Prior to joining the Court, Judge Israel served two terms on the DC Bar Lawyer Assistance Committee, which supports services to individuals in the legal community with substance abuse and mental health issues. She also served as President of the DC Women's Bar Association and President of the WBA Foundation.