



Honorable Nancy Jear Waples

Associate Justice, Supreme Court of Vermont

Justice Waples is the first person of color and only the fifth woman to serve on Vermont's highest court. Prior to her elevation to the Supreme Court, she served for seven years as a trial judge in Vermont's Superior Courts. Before her judicial appointments, Justice Waples was in private practice as a criminal defense attorney in both the state and federal courts in Vermont. She served by appointment from the Second Circuit Court of Appeals as the Criminal Justice Act Representative for the District of Vermont where she was the liaison between Vermont's federal courts and the panel of private attorneys who provided legal services to the indigent in federal criminal cases. She has also served as an Assistant United States Attorney in the District of Vermont in the Criminal Division and as an Assistant District Attorney in the Manhattan District Attorney's Office in New York City in both the Appeals and Trial Divisions. Justice Waples graduated from the College of William and Mary and earned her law degree from St. John's University School of Law.