

Hon. Susan B. Carbon

Judge Susan Carbon was first appointed to the bench in 1991 and served as supervisory judge of the New Hampshire Judicial Branch Family Division from 1996 until 2010. Following her nomination by President Barack Obama on October 1, 2009 and Senate Confirmation on February 11, 2010, she served as director of the Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) at the United States Department of Justice. At OVW, she was responsible for developing the Department's legal and policy positions regarding the implementation of the Violence Against Women Act and oversaw an annual budget in excess of \$400 million. Following her tenure with OVW, Judge Carbon was reappointed to the New Hampshire Circuit Court in 2012 and now serves in the 9th Circuit, Manchester Family Division.

Previously, Judge Carbon was a member of the Governor's Commission on Domestic and Sexual Violence and chaired New Hampshire's Domestic Violence Fatality Review Committee. Judge Carbon served as president of the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges from 2007 to 2008. She has served as faculty for the National Judicial Institute on Domestic Violence for many years. She also chaired the project which produced the multidisciplinary Civil Protection Order Guide (The Burgundy Book), a document used throughout the U.S. and its territories to guide professionals in their work around issuance and enforcement of civil protection orders. Judge Carbon was also president of the New Hampshire State Bar Association in 1993-94.

Judge Carbon has trained judges and other professionals across the country and internationally on topics related to family violence, firearms, child custody, and child protection. She has published extensively on these and other topics, including judicial selection and retention and judicial administration. Judge Carbon is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin-Madison and the DePaul University College of Law.