



Thomas P. Sotelo

Hon. Thomas P. Sotelo, Fairfax County Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court (Fairfax, Virginia). On December 1, 2008, Judge Sotelo was appointed to the Bench and is in his third term (Chief Judge: July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2018; July 1, 2021 – present). Present memberships: Virginia Council of Juvenile & Domestic Relations District Court Judges (currently serving as Secretary and past board member); Association of District Court Judges of Virginia, Inc.; Robert F. Kennedy National Resource Center for Juvenile Justice, RFK Community Alliance, Transformation of Youth Justice Practice Network (first cohort); Advisory Committee to the Court Appointed Special Advocate and Children’s Justice Act Programs (Chair); Advisory Committee for Judicial Mentoring Program (committee member and mentor judge); DOE Local School Superintendents/Judicial Liaison Committee; and Fairfax County JDRDC Supervised Visitation and Exchange Program Advisory Board.

Past memberships: Parent Education Advisory Committee; Vision 21: Linking Systems of Care for Children and Youth Advisory Council; and Region 6 (Northern Virginia) Representative, Judicial Liaison Committee, Virginia Department of Juvenile Justice (Chair from July 1, 2016, to June 30, 2018; Member of Standardized Dispositional Matrix Stakeholder Group).

He also served on the Virginia State Bar’s Harry L. Carrico Professionalism Course Faculty. Judge Sotelo is a frequent speaker/panelist in a variety of legal venues (local, state, national and international). Judge Sotelo practiced law for approximately 18 years. His areas of concentration included domestic relations, juvenile and criminal law.