

## Judge Nadine A. Killebrew's Bio

Granddaughter of a lawyer, Honorable Nadine A. Killebrew was born into a family of public servants. Her father earned a PhD in clinical psychology from Columbia University and her mother earned a master's degrees in social work and education. Dr. Killebrew worked as a clinical psychologist and Mrs. Killebrew worked as a NYC public-school teacher for over 20 years.

Judge Killebrew grew up in Queens, NY with an older brother and a twin sister. She attended New York City public schools and went on to attend HBCU's, for both undergrad and law school. At Clark Atlanta University, Judge Killebrew majored in Business Administration and Marketing and went on to have a successful career in marketing, in the fashion industry and financial services in both Atlanta and New York City.

Judge Killebrew then matriculated to Southern University Law Center where she excelled in her legal studies. At SULC, Judge Killebrew achieved Deans List. She was the recipient of Highest Honors in Legal Writing and Oral Advocacy. She was the Chair of Moot Court Board. She was an Editor on the Law Journal of Race, Gender, and Poverty. She was Teaching Assistant for Legal Writing and Oral Advocacy Classes. During Judge Killebrew's last year of law school, she even found time to intern at the East Baton Rouge Office of the Public Defender and teach constitutional law to high school students. Ever the high-achiever, Judge Killebrew also studied abroad in London at The Law School at City University.

After graduating from Southern University Law Center, Judge Killebrew clerked for the Honorable Joseph Charles, Jr. in New Jersey. She is admitted to practice law in both New Jersey and Georgia. Judge Killebrew went on to work as an Assistant Deputy Public Defender in the New Jersey Office of the Public Defender, where she provided legal representation to parents in Family Court cases, where the State (1) filed a complaint alleging a parent of abuse or neglect of a child or (2) filed a complaint seeking to terminate parental rights, for custody of a child, or restrict a parents contact with their child. Judge Killebrew's commitment to public service was seen in her zealous advocacy on behalf of her clients to ensure that they did not suffer in silence,

that families were reunified and provide a voice to litigants who may have otherwise gone ignored or silenced.

Judge Killebrew is devoted to maintaining the integrity of the legal profession. The New Jersey Supreme Court appointed her to the Attorney Ethics Committee, she proudly sat as a Trustee on the Hudson County Bar Association (“HCBA”) and was elected President of the Young Lawyer’s Division of the HCBA.

On February 11, 2021, Honorable Nadine A. Killebrew was sworn into her appointed position as a Jersey City Municipal Court Judge. Judge Killebrew’s career has been marked by excellence, good judgment, and compassion. Jersey City and Hudson County are fortunate to have such a brilliant jurist join the bench who will uphold the highest standards.