

JUDGE KRAUSER was raised in a household where both parents were attorneys. Perhaps influenced by her mother's (Bess Lavine, former Prince George's County district court judge) delayed career, she wasted no time in completing her education and pursuing a law career. She started college at sixteen and law school at nineteen, graduating with academic honors at age twenty-two. After sixteen years as a trial lawyer, she was appointed to the District Court in 1989. The appointment represented the first time in U.S. history that a mother and daughter served on the same court.

A lifelong resident of Prince George's County, Judge Krauser was born in 1950. She graduated from High Point High School in 1967, and studied arts and law at the University of Maryland-College Park, where she was in the general honors program and the Senior Women's Honor Society. She received her law degree in 1973 from Duke University Law School in Durham, North Carolina. Involved in various law school activities, she served as a delegate for the National Conference of Law Women, a clerk for Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity, and was a finalist for the Moot Court Competition.

Dedicated to change in Prince George's County, Judge Krauser has been motivated by a desire to break new ground and explore new territory. She has spearheaded initiatives ranging from educating young people about the law to providing services to battered women. As a member of the Prince George's County Bar Association, she organized the High School Mock Trial Lawyer Competition and directed its implementation for four

years until every county public high school and many private schools were participating. The program's tremendous success earned her an award from the American Bar Association in 1983. Another program upon which Judge Krauser has left her imprint is the Prince George's County Family Crisis Center. The groundwork for the center was laid during Judge Krauser's tenure as chair of the Citizens Committee on Domestic Violence of the Prince George's County Commission for Women.

Judge Krauser served as first vice-president of the College Park Business and Professional Women's organization, and she has been active in the public school system's Career Day activities. Her community involvement also has encompassed her religious affiliations; she has been a member of the Prince George's County Lawyers Committee of the United Jewish Appeal Federation of Greater Washington and has served on the Board of Directors of the Jewish Social Services Agency.

Professional memberships have included the Prince George's County and Maryland State Bar Associations, the Prince George's County Women Lawyers' Caucus, the Women's Bar Association of Maryland, the Maryland Judicial Conference, and the National Association of Women Judges. She has served on the Board of Directors and ethic and budget committees of the Prince George's County Bar Association and chaired the Law-related Education and Law Day Committees. In 1986, the Prince George's County Bar Association honored her with its President's Award for extraordinary contributions to the bar and the community. ♣

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