



## **Jason D. Witcher**

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## *Overview*

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Jason D. Witcher is a native of Willingboro, NJ. After graduating from Willingboro High School in 1991, he attended Kean University with a bachelor's degree in history in 1995. Jason Witcher began at Rutgers School of Law in 1996. While attending law school in the evening, he worked full-time during the day for the Juvenile Justice Commission, working as a teacher at the state's highest security level for Juvenile offenders. He graduated in 2001 and became a member of the New Jersey Bar in 2002.

He began his legal career as an assistant prosecutor in the Salem County Prosecutor's office in 2002.

Jason left the prosecutor's office in 2008 and entered private practice with the firm of Helmer, Conley & Kasselmann in Haddon Heights. During his time in private practice, Jason was certified by the New Jersey Supreme Court as a Certified Criminal Trial Attorney. He was later appointed by the New Jersey Supreme Court to serve on the Committee on Character Fitness, reviewing fitness of candidates for admission to the New Jersey Bar.

In 2010, Jason was appointed to the municipal court bench in Salem City. His appointment was groundbreaking, becoming the first African American judge to be appointed in Salem County History. He went on to be appointed to the bench in Bridgeton **Municipal court** as well as in the municipal courts of Penns Grove, Carneys Point, Pennsville, and Millville.

In addition to his reputation for fairness and courtesy among litigants, law enforcement and lawyers, Jason maintained an active presence in the community. From reading Dr. Seuss books to kindergarten children, speaking to high schools, coaching youth football, mentoring students, he never separated himself from the communities he served. He went into the county jails, rehab centers, along with keynote speaking at high school graduations and college programs. Jason's long history of community service and professional excellence led to recognition by numerous agencies. He was recognized by the U.S. Congress by Congressman LoBiondo and later by Congressmen Van Drew, honored by the Salem and Cumberland County Boards of Chosen Freeholders, the New Jersey Legislative Black Caucus, the New Jersey Legislature and General Assembly, the New Jersey Senate, Salem City, Penns Grove Borough, Carneys Point Township and Bridgeton City councils. In addition to government honors, Jason has been recognized by the NAACP, Latino Action Committee, The Puerto Rican Action Committee, and numerous community organizations throughout South Jersey.

Jason retired from the bench in August 2023 and is delighted to be returning to work again with his friends at HCK.

He is married and the father of three children. He is a lifelong lover of dogs and a hobby breeder of South African Mastiffs. Jason is actively involved in his church and is currently a graduate student at Lancaster Bible College, pursuing a master's degree in apologetics.