

## **Chief Magistrate Judge William Connelly**

Magistrate Judge William Connelly was born in 1952 in Washington, D. C. Judge Connelly received his B.A. from the University of Maryland in 1973. Thereafter, he pursued a J.D. degree from the University of Maryland Law School. After earning a J.D. in 1976, Judge Connelly continued his education at the Georgetown University Law School, obtaining his LL.M. in 1979.

Having been commissioned in the U. S. Air Force in 1973, Judge Connelly entered active duty in 1977 as a Captain in the Judge Advocate General's Department. He was released from active duty in 1981 and thereafter served in the U.S. Air Force Reserve until his retirement in 2005. As a reservist Judge Connelly served for 15 years as an Appellate Military Judge on the U.S. Air Force Court of Criminal Appeals.

Judge Connelly entered the private sector in 1981 as a partner in the law firm of Stern & Connelly in Camp Springs, Maryland, and remained there until 1995. On March 31, 1995, Judge Connelly was appointed a United States Magistrate Judge of the District Court for the District of Maryland.

Admitted to the bar in Maryland in 1976, Judge Connelly was also admitted to the bar in the District of Columbia in 1979.

A member of the Maryland State Bar Association, Judge Connelly is also a member of the Prince George's County Bar Association; the Federal Bar Association; the Federal Magistrate Judges Association; the J. Franklyn Bourne Bar Association; and the Marlborough American Inn of Court. In addition, Judge Connelly is a faculty member of the Maryland Institute for Continuing Professional Education of Lawyers (MICPEL) and for the Maryland State Bar Association's Professionalism Course.