

## **Hon. Bahaati E. Pitt**

Justice Bahaati E. Pitt is a Guyanese born immigrant who grew up in Bronx County. Currently sitting in New York State Supreme Court, Criminal Division, Bronx County, Justice Pitt presides over the Integrated Domestic Violence Part hearing cases involving criminal, family and matrimonial causes of action. Prior to her 2019 election as a Justice, Pitt was first appointed to the bench in June 2016 by the Mayor of the City of New York as an Interim Judge of the New York City Civil Court. She was then appointed as a Judge of the New York City Criminal Court in December 2016. Justice Pitt has enjoyed an over twenty-year diverse legal career. Justice Pitt is a former trial attorney with the Legal Aid Society, Bronx Criminal Defense Division; a former Court Attorney in New York City Civil Court and Family Court; and a former Principal Law Clerk to a New York State Supreme Court Justice in Bronx Supreme Court, Civil Division.

Justice Pitt has also diligently served the legal community as the Former President and Chairperson of the Board of Directors of the Black Bar Association of Bronx County where she secured the organization's Accredited Provider status with the New York State Continuing Legal Education Board. As President and Chairperson of the Black Bar Association of Bronx County, Justice Pitt continued the organizations "Neighborhood Law School," partnering with local community groups to provide information on basic legal rights to the residents of Bronx County. Justice Pitt is a member of the Bronx County Bar Association, Bronx Women's Bar Association, the National Association of Women Judges, the Judicial Friends, the Latino Judges Association and the Metropolitan Black Bar Association. Justice Pitt was recently appointed as the Chair of the Gender Bias and Gender Fairness Committee for the 12<sup>th</sup> Judicial District.

As a graduate of Morgan State University and the State University at Buffalo School of Law, Justice Pitt is a former member of Bronx Community Board 10, the Bronx Legal Services-NYC Board of Directors and is currently an Adjunct Professor at Bronx Community College. Justice Pitt has served as a coach and a judge in the Thurgood Marshall Mock Trial Program and has lectured throughout the community on issues involving criminal and civil law. She has also served as the guest speaker for numerous events, including local school graduations.

In recognition of her dedication to community service, Justice Pitt has received several recognitions including the: 2017 Caribbean Life Impact Award; 2015 Community Service Award, Youth Leaders on the Move; 2013 Professional Leadership Award, NAACP Williamsbridge Branch; 2007 Pioneer Award, Morrisania Revitalization Corporation, Inc.; 2005 Distinguished Public Servant Award, NAACP Parkchester Branch, as well as numerous citations from the New York State Senate, New York State Assembly and the New York City Council.