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**Statement of Chief Judge James E. Boasberg
On the Death of Retired District Judge Ricardo M. Urbina**

We are saddened by the death, on June 17, 2024, of retired District Judge Ricardo M. Urbina, a skilled and thoughtful jurist, and a dear friend and colleague. Judge Urbina served this Court with distinction for eighteen years, from 1994 to 2012.

Judge Urbina received his bachelor's degree and his law degree from Georgetown University. In the early stages of his legal career, Judge Urbina worked at the Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia, in private practice, and as a professor at the Howard University School of Law. He began his judicial career in 1981, when he was appointed as an Associate Judge of the D.C. Superior Court, serving in that position until he joined this Court in 1994.

On and off the bench, Judge Urbina was a trailblazer and a role model. He was the first Latino judge on this Court and on the D.C. Superior Court as well. He had a keen sense of fairness, and he was a dedicated, empathetic, and creative jurist. On a personal level, he is remembered throughout the courthouse for his warmth, authenticity, and kindness. He will be missed.