



**United States District Court
for the District of Columbia
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**Statement of Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell
on the Death of Retired District Judge Gladys Kessler**

Judge Gladys Kessler was a pioneer in the women's movement, a compassionate and brilliant jurist, a wise mentor to her colleagues, and a good friend.

Judge Kessler served with distinction on this Court for 23 years, from 1994 until 2017. She began her judicial career on the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, serving on that court for 17 years, from 1977 until 1994. A graduate of Cornell University and Harvard Law School, Judge Kessler served as President of the National Association of Women Judges, on the Executive Committee of the ABA's Conference of Federal Trial Judges, and as a member and Chair of the District of Columbia Commission on Judicial Disabilities and Tenure.

On behalf of the United States District Court for the District of Columbia, I extend our deepest condolences to Judge Kessler's friends and family. She will be missed.