NAKISHA ERVIN-KNOTT
JUDGE

On July 22, 2022, Judge Nakisha Ervin-Knott was elected to the Louisiana Court of Appeal, Fourth Circuit, Division "A", without opposition. From January 2015 through December 2022, Judge Ervin-Knott served as judge in Orleans Parish Civil District Court, Division "D". Prior to being elected to the bench, Judge Ervin-Knott was a partner in the law firm of Gainsburgh, Benjamin, David, and Meunier & Warshauer. In fact, she was the first African-American female partner in the history of the more than seventy-year-old firm. Her practice focused on medical malpractice, personal injury, and class action matters. Before joining the firm, she served as a staff counsel for LAMMICO, the largest insurer of health care providers in the state.

Currently, Judge Ervin-Knott serves as the Immediate Past President of the Louisiana Judicial College; Past-President of the Fourth Circuit Judges Association; Vice-Chair of the Louisiana Supreme Court Technology Commission; Coordinator/Presenter of new judge training for judges within the State of Louisiana; and Vice-President of the New Orleans Bar Association. She is also a member of the Greater New Orleans Louis A. Martinet Legal Society, Association of Women Attorneys, A.P. Tureaud Inn of Court, and is Board Chair of Hotel Hope, a nonprofit, interfaith organization that provides housing to women and their children in a safe and loving atmosphere while guiding them to self-sufficiency and self-empowerment through intensive case management.

Judge Ervin-Knott received her Juris Doctor from Southern University Law Center, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from Xavier University of Louisiana, in New Orleans, Louisiana, graduating cum laude. She is married to Steven Knott, and they are the proud parents of two sons, Devin and Dylan Knott.