

The Honorable Vivian L. Medinilla received her appointment as the first Latina to serve on the Superior Court of the State of Delaware in February 2013 and retired in February 2025. She is now a partner and practicing arbitration with Weiss, Saville, Medinilla & Houser, P.A.

Prior to her judicial appointment, J. Medinilla served as Cabinet Secretary for the Department of Services for Children, Youth & Their Families, where she led the State agency on efforts to improve the child welfare, juvenile justice, and child mental health systems. Before her Cabinet appointment, she practiced in civil litigation for seventeen years where she served as president and owner of the state's first multi-lingual law firm, and before founding her own business, enjoyed working as associate for Young Conaway Stargatt & Taylor LLP, Wilson, Halbrook & Bayard, Ament, Lynch & Carr, and Eugene J. Maurer, Jr., PA.

She serves as an adjunct professor at the Widener University Delaware Law School where she co-teaches Equal Protection with Emeritus Professor Robert L. Hayman, Jr. She also currently serves as Chair for the National Conference of State Trial Judges of the Judicial Division for the American Bar Association (ABA) and sits on the Board of Trustees for Ursuline Academy. She previously served on the Board of Directors for Salesianum School, the Latin American Community Center, the Community Board for St. Francis Healthcare, and sat on the Executive Committee for the National Association of Women Judges (NAWJ) as District Director for Delaware, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and the Virgin Islands, and as a representative to the House of Delegates for the ABA.

J. Medinilla received the Women's Leadership Award for the Delaware State Bar Association in 2020 and was inducted to the Delaware Women's Hall of Fame in 2012. She was the recipient of the Distinguished Hispanic Delawarean Award in 2010, the Strong, Smart & Bold Award from Girls, Inc. in 2012, and the Haskell/Wyeth Award from Delaware Futures in 2009. In 2014, she received the Angela Boyle '53 Service Award from her alma mater, Ursuline Academy, and was appointed by former Governor Markell as the first Chairperson of the Delaware Hispanic Commission.

Judge Medinilla received her J.D., *cum laude*, from the Widener University Delaware Law School, and her B.S. in Business Administration from the University of Delaware.

Her judicial term ends February 5, 2025. She serves a lifetime term as mother to her three children, Victoria, Alexis, and Rocco, ages 27, 24 and 17, respectively.