

Sharifa Milena Nasser-Cuéllar
Queens County Criminal Court

125-01 Queens Blvd-Chambers 225, Kew Gardens NY 11415

EXPERIENCE

Civil Court Judge of the City of New York
Acting Criminal Court Judge January 2025 -Present
Elected November 2024- Present

QUEENS, NY

- Maintain courtroom decorum while managing daily calendars that often exceed 100 cases; schedule hearings and resolve procedural issues.
- Conduct numerous suppression hearings and analyze complex constitutional issues; render numerous suppression decisions after conducting hearings; and render numerous decisions and orders on motions.
- Manage and collaborate with court attorney and court staff.
- Conduct criminal jury trials.

New York State Education Department
Per Diem Impartial Hearing Officer May 2021-November 2024

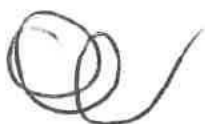
VIRTUAL

- Responsible for presiding over numerous due process complaints.
- Preside over various status conferences between attorneys.
- Preside over prehearing conferences between attorneys and pro se parents.
- Evaluate and analyze legal testimony, documentary evidence, and issue written administrative law decisions and orders.
- Enforce state and federal laws, district policies, due process rights, and Special Education procedural safeguards.

Office of Administrative Trials & Hearings (OATH)
Per Diem Judicial Hearing Officer October 2017 – November 2024

QUEENS, NY

- Responsible for presiding over numerous summonses issued by various city agencies.
- Preside over administrative hearings between city agency and affected individuals.
- Listen to legal arguments and review evidence submitted by petitioners and respondents.
- Prepare written decisions.
- Conduct hearings that deal with matters pertaining to New York City licensed Taxi & Limousine Commission (TLC) Drivers.
- Preside over matters that deal with all summons's issued to TLC driver's including but not limited to, license suspension, revocation, and vehicle seizure hearings.
- Preside over New York City Department of Buildings cases, Sanitation cases, Health cases and Criminal Justice Reform Act (CJRA) cases.
- Review written decisions by other Hearing Officer's and make appropriate recommendations.



LAW OFFICE OF SHARIFA MILENA NASSER, P.C.
Criminal Defense Litigation and Family/Matrimonial Firm
Solo Practitioner May 2013-November 2024

QUEENS, NY

- Successful defense in criminal matters within County, State and Federal Courts.
- Successful litigation of numerous custody, child support and divorce trials.
- Prepare clients for depositions; ascertain key objectives of case strategy and solicit information from witnesses and key experts that support client's position.
- Discern facts, gather, and compile evidence; identify and subpoena witnesses and records.
- Participation in extensive complex matrimonial negotiations, mediations, etc.
- Preparation of pleadings and other legal documents in connection with trials and hearings.
- Solo Practitioner successfully handling all aspects of small business.
- Maintain sole responsibility for firm's entire caseload.

DE LEON & ASSOCIATES, P.C.

NEW YORK, NEW YORK

General Practice Firm focus on Criminal Defense & Family / Matrimonial
Associate October 2006-May 2013

- Assisted Partner in preparing for complex criminal and divorce trials, second chaired in 0serious felony matters and unilaterally tried numerous divorce and family court matters.
- Negotiated with Prosecutor's in complex misdemeanor and felony matters.
- Participated in conducting 50 H Hearings on behalf of New York City.
- Prepared clients for testifying in grand jury, hearings, and trials.
- Assisted in discovery including drafting deposition questions, interrogatories and requests for production of documents.
- Conducted intake interviews of prospective clients.
- Conducted extensive legal research.
- Oversaw and mentored College & Law School Interns

AWARDS & HONORS

Judicial Honoree at Calle Colombian Festival, Proclamation from New York State Senator Jessica Ramos, July 2025

Judicial Honoree at Arab American Heritage Month by the New York State Attorney General Letitia James, April 2025

Latina Lawyer of the Year Honoree, Latino Lawyers Association Queens County, (LLAQC), October 2025

EDUCATION

ALBANY LAW SCHOOL, UNION UNIVERSITY, ALBANY, NY

Juris Doctor Degree May 2002

Activities: Moot Court Competition Participant and Coach, President Latino Law Students Association, (2000-2002), Recipient of two internships through the Albany County Bar Association Diversity Internship Program

EDUCATION-continued

JOHN JAY COLLEGE, CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK, NY, NY

Bachelor of Arts Degree, Criminal Justice, May 1999, Cum Laude

Honors: Thematic Studies Honors Program, Dean's List Recipient

BAR ADMISSIONS

- New York (2006)
- United States Court of Appeals, Second Circuit (2008)
- Southern and Eastern Districts of New York (2008)

BAR ASSOCIATIONS & AFFILIATIONS PAST & PRESENT

- Hispanic National Bar Association
- New York State Bar Association (current)
- New York State Association of Criminal Defense Attorneys
- Queens County Women's Bar Association (2022-Present)
- Long Island Hispanic Bar Association (LIHBA) 2023-Present
- Queens County Bar Association (Member Judicial Screening Committee, February 2021-March 2023)
- Queens County Bar Association (Member Attorney Grievance Committee, October 2021 -Present)
- Queens County Bar Association (Board of Managers, Class of 2025)
- Delegate on behalf of the Queens County Bar Association (QCBA) for the New York State Bar Association (NYSBA) House of Delegates
- Puerto Rican Bar Association
- Latino Lawyers Association of Queens County (Current Board Member & 2nd Vice President)
- Cafecito Network for Latina Attorneys
- Latino Judges Association (General Member & Current Board Member 2025- Present)

VOLUNTEER WORK

- Guest Judge, Young Debaters Club, LLC
- Guest Speaker, Career Day, Holy Family Elementary School
- Speed Mentoring Participant, Hispanic National Bar Association
- Guest Lecturer, John Jay College of Criminal Justice, "ACE Program"
- Street Law en Español, Latino Lawyers Association of Queens County
- Mayor's Committee on City Marshal's, Appointment by Mayor Eric Adams to a Four-year term.
- Executive Board, Jefferson Democratic Club (Vice President of Petitions)

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Bilingual, Native English/Spanish-ability to communicate with clients and read/write legal terminology/documents.