

BIOGRAPHICAL STATEMENT

Judge Evelyn Padin currently sits as a United States federal District Court Judge for the District of New Jersey. She holds the distinction of being the first Puerto Rican and Latina President of the New Jersey State Bar Association which dates to 1888. Prior to ascending to the bench, she was the senior managing Partner of the Law Offices of Evelyn Padin, Jersey City, NJ. Her areas of practice were civil personal injury litigation and family law. She received her law degree from Seton Hall Law School, Newark, New Jersey and her bachelor's degree from Rutgers College, New Brunswick, New Jersey. Judge Padin also obtained a Masters degree in Social Work from Fordham University.

She was a founding Member of the Justice Virginia Long American Family Inns of Court in Hudson County and was designated a Trial Master. She also served as a judicial law clerk to the Honorable Lorraine Parker (Family Part-Sussex County) and was previously employed by the firm of Linares & Coviello, Bloomfield, New Jersey.

Judge Padin previously served as a Jersey City Municipal Court Judge and was a court appointed family mediator. She handled all aspects of family law including divorce, custody, mediation, alimony and domestic violence. She was also a graduate of the James Beard Foundation Women Entrepreneurial Leadership Academy.

She is a frequent lecturer and has actively served as a speaker on behalf of the American Bar Association's National Council of State Bar Presidents, New Jersey State Bar Association, the New Jersey Hispanic Bar Association and the New Jersey Institute for Continuing Legal Education.

She is a former Trustee of the Hispanic Bar Association of New Jersey and the Hudson County Bar Association. She previously served on the board of New Jersey Women Lawyers. She also served on the Board of Governors to the New Jersey Association for Justice.

Judge Padin has served on many committees including the New Jersey State Bar Association, Judicial & Prosecutorial Advisory Committee, the Nominating Committee, the Family Law Executive Committee and the Diversity & Inclusion Task Force. She also served on the Meeting, Arrangements Planning Committee, the Finance Committee, the Long-Term Planning Committee. She also served as Co-Chair of the NJ State Bar Diversity Committee. Judge Padin also served on the National Council of State Bar Presidents Membership Committee, Programs Committee and Diversity & Inclusion Committee. Most recently, Judge Padin served as co-chair of the Seton Hall Alumni (DASH) Diverse Attorneys of Seton Hall Law School committee. She was appointed by NJ Speaker Craig Coughlin to serve on the advisory committee for campus sexual assault and by Governor Murphy to serve on the Puerto Rico Task Force Commission.

Judge Padin has been recognized for her accomplishments and has received numerous awards including the following:

Resolution "Honoring Trailblazing Former President" from NJ State Bar Association (2022)
New Jersey State Bar Association Mel Narol award (2022)
New Jersey City University Presidential Award (2021)
New Jersey State Bar Association Professional Attorney of the Year (2020)
Diversity Scholar: National Council of State Bar Presidents (2020)

Rutgers Law School Camden Latina Trailblazer Award (2019)
Latina Pioneer Award from LUPE Organization (2018)
Illustrious Latino Award Farleigh Dickenson Institute for Latin Studies (2017)
Tri-County State Scholarship Woman of Distinction award Passaic County (2018)
Hispanic Bar Association of New Jersey Trailblazer Award (2019)
Recipient Puerto Rican Woman of the Year Jersey City (2014)
Recipient of the Jean Robertson Women Lawyers Scholarship Foundation, Inc. (1990)
Recipient of the Hudson County Bar Association Scholarship (1990)
Hispanic Bar Association of New Jersey Scholarship recipient (1990)