

# CONSUELO MALLAFRE MELENDEZ

## ADMISSION

New York 1987

## EDUCATION

**BROOKLYN LAW SCHOOL - JURIS DOCTOR 1986**  
**RUTGERS UNIVERSITY - B.A. PSYCHOLOGY 1982**

## LEGAL EXPERIENCE

### **Supreme Court Kings County**

PRINCIPAL LAW CLERK TO JUSTICE MARSHA L. STEINHARDT

Feb. 2009 to Present

Analyze all legal issues arising from the litigation of medical malpractice actions, negligence cases and foreclosure proceedings from the discovery stage to trial. Probe and render legal opinion on issues arising from trials including evidentiary disputes and substantive legal queries. Research intricate issues presented in motion practice and draft legal decisions. Draft verdict interrogatories for complex trials. Conference cases with attorneys to promote resolution or settlement. Review all orders including multi-million dollar Infant Compromise Orders. Assist Judge in all matters before the court.

### **Corporation Counsel, New York City Law Department**

TORTS -MEDICAL MALPRACTICE UNIT Assistant Corporation Counsel

Aug. 1987 - Aug. 1997

Involved in the litigation and defense of medical malpractice actions against the New York City Health and Hospitals Corporation and its doctors from inception to trial. Drafted and orally argued substantive and procedural motions. Participated in settlement conferences. Conducted depositions. Prepared medical defendants for deposition and trial. Prepared and presented cases to the Comptroller's office for evaluation of liability and assessment of damages.

CERTIORARI DIVISION Assistant Corporation Counsel

Sept. 1986-Aug. 1987

Prepared and negotiated settlement of Article 7 real property tax assessments. Defense of Article 78 proceedings. Defense of 42 USCA 1983 civil rights litigation.

## PUBLICATION

**"VIDEOTAPING DEPOSITIONS: YOUTUBE- SHOULD THE COURTS?"**

Co-authored article appearing in the New York Law Journal 7/5/11

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Puerto Rican Bar Association

Brooklyn Bar Association

Brooklyn Women's Bar Association, Board of Directors

Law Secretaries Association, Board of Directors

Columbian Lawyers Association

Metropolitan Black Bar Association

Catholic Lawyers of Brooklyn

Brooklyn Legal Pipeline Program

## PERSONAL

Married to Frank Melendez for 26 years with 3 children