

RITA BLANDINO

Rita Blandino is the Director of the Domestic Violence Division of the District of Columbia Courts where she oversees the operations of the Clerk's Office and manages civil and criminal domestic violence matters. She has led several initiatives to enhance access to justice including various technological advancements to improve services in the Courts. She was instrumental in the launch of Forms Help Online document assembly project, which provided online access to Court forms to litigants and attorneys. In addition, Rita created the D.C. Courts Electronic Check-In System to reduce wait times in the courtrooms as well as improve efficiency and internal communication between Judges, clerks, and attorneys. In September 2020, The American Legal Tech Awards recognized Rita's use of technological innovation to enhance access to justice in the judicial system by selecting her as an Individual Category Award Winner. Rita holds a Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy, Politics, and Law from the State University of New York at Binghamton and a Master of Public Administration from George Mason University.