

BIOGRAPHY

Honorable Ramona V. Manglona

Chief Judge, U.S. District Court for the Northern Mariana Islands, Saipan, MP



Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona currently serves as the first female federal judge of the United States District Court for the Northern Marianas. President Barack Obama nominated Chief Judge Manglona in January 2011, and the U.S. Senate confirmed her nomination in July 2011.

Chief Judge Manglona graduated from the University of California at Berkeley in 1990, and obtained her Juris Doctor degree at the University of New Mexico School of Law in 1996. She is admitted to practice law in the State of New Mexico and the CNMI since 1997.

After law school, Chief Judge Manglona served as a law clerk at the CNMI Superior Court. In 1998, she joined the Criminal Division of the CNMI Attorney General's Office as a prosecutor. After three years with the Criminal Division, Chief Judge Manglona worked at the Civil Division as a litigator. In 2002, she became the first female Attorney General for the Commonwealth.

The following year, Chief Judge Manglona was appointed to the Superior Court as an associate judge, where she served as the only female judge for eight years. She also served as a pro temp judge and justice on the Guam Superior Court and the Guam Supreme Court.

Chief Judge Manglona was active with the CNMI Bar Association, serving as its President from 2001 to 2003. She was also active in the formative stage of the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library. In recent years, she has been active in the "We the People" program, National Forensics League, and High School Mock Trial Competitions, serving as a coach, advisor, or judge.