

**HONOREE** 

New York State Supreme Court Justice
The Honorable
Maria Vazquez-Doles

Judge Vazquez-Doles graduated and earned her Juris Doctorate from Touro Law School in 1997, and began her career working as a defense attorney. Very quickly she was promoted to litigation manager in the Mass Toxic Tort litigation.

In 2001, she worked as a court attorney for the Supreme Court, New York County, where she researched and drafted decisions for approximately 60 judges.

Judge Vazquez-Doles opened her private practice and concentrated in the area of residential and commercial real estate transactions, landlord/tenant proceedings, Family Law and Matrimonial Law.

She first became a Town Judge in the Town of Monroe in Orange County in 2009, where she received an overwhelming 85% of the votes in the general election. Moreover, she became the first and only elected Latino Judge in all of Orange County.

As a Town Judge for Monroe, with the largest population in Orange County, she presided over 400 cases per month, including misdemeanor criminal cases, landlord/tenant actions, small claims, traffic, zoning and town ordinance cases.

On November 5, 2013, Judge Vazquez-Doles was elected by over 177,000 people to serve as Supreme Court Justice for the Ninth Judicial District. That District includes the counties of Orange, Westchester, Rockland, Dutchess and Putnam. She is the only Latina Supreme Court Justice in those five counties.

Maria has also served as the Chair of the Latino Democratic Committee of Orange County. She was President of the Friends of the Monroe Free Library, and has earned numerous awards, including the Orange County Award for Volunteerism, the Orange County Annual Youth Bureau Award, and the prestigious Flor de Maga Award as Business Attorney of the Year from the Puerto Rican Bar Association.

Maria has been married for 21 years to her husband and best friend, Harley, and is the proud mother of triplet girls, Emily, Elizabeth and Eliza. Additionally, she was blessed with the opportunity to raise her 3 nephews Abe, Javier and Julio for 11 years until they became adults, after her sister's passing in 1997.