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Mariel C. Adams represents residential property owners, landlords, and property management companies in landlord-tenant, real estate, and civil litigation matters in the District of Columbia. She helps clients navigate disputes affecting residential property operations and management, providing practical counsel and strategic advocacy tailored to their business objectives.

Mariel guides clients through all phases of litigation, from pre-suit strategy and motion practice to trial, mediation, and settlement negotiations. She has extensive courtroom experience, including first-chairing bench trials and litigating contested motions in complex civil and criminal matters. Her litigation background enables her to develop effective strategies that address both the legal and operational challenges facing property owners and housing providers.

She represents property owners and management companies in disputes involving nonpayment of rent claims, breach-of-lease matters, housing code issues, and post-judgment proceedings. Mariel works closely with clients to resolve disputes efficiently, minimize disruption to their operations, and protect their interests.

Before entering private practice, Mariel served as an Assistant Attorney General with the District of Columbia Office of the Attorney General, where she prosecuted misdemeanor cases. That experience sharpened her courtroom advocacy skills and strengthened her ability to analyze complex legal issues, think quickly under pressure, and present persuasive arguments in high-stakes matters.

Drawing on experience in both government service and private practice, Mariel brings a practical, results-oriented approach to every representation. She understands the challenges property owners and management companies face and provides responsive counsel focused on efficient, effective resolutions.

Education

- University of the District of Columbia David A. Clarke School of Law (J.D., *cum laude*)
- University of the District of Columbia (B.A.)

Services

- Landlord Representation

State Bar Admissions

- District of Columbia

Admitted in Washington, D.C. Not admitted in Maryland. Supervised by a Maryland attorney.