

**Kristela L. Cervera**

*Candidate for Milwaukee County Circuit Court Branch 5*

Kristela L. Cervera was appointed to Branch 5 of the Milwaukee County Circuit Court by Wisconsin Governor Tony Evers in October 2021. Kristela is a graduate of Rufus King High School of Milwaukee, and she obtained a journalism bachelor of arts degree from UW-Madison in May 1998.

Prior to her appointment to the circuit court, Kristela was a family court commissioner in Milwaukee County from 2019-2021, and served as legal counsel for the Milwaukee County Department of Child Support Services from 2005 to 2019. Kristela was the first Latina to be appointed as a court commissioner for the City of Milwaukee Municipal Court, a position she held from 2006 to 2014. Kristela has experience handling worker's compensation and unemployment insurance claims, and began her career after law school as a prosecutor in the Kenosha County District Attorney's office after her graduation from the University of Wisconsin Law School in December 2001.

Kristela was named "Hispanic Woman of the Year" for 2021 by the United Migrant Opportunity Services, (UMOS) a nonprofit organization with over 50 years' experience serving the greater Milwaukee community, an organization she volunteered with for many years. Kristela also volunteers her time meeting with high school and college students through Mexican Fiesta/Wisconsin Hispanic Scholarship Foundation, an organization she began volunteering for when she was 14 years old. Kristela and her husband Javier live in Milwaukee with their four children.