



**Delegate Charlotte A. Crutchfield** 

Delegate Charlotte A. Crutchfield was elected to the Maryland House of Delegates in 2018, where she serves on the Judiciary Committee and is Chair of the Family and Juvenile Law Subcommittee. She also currently serves as the Deputy Majority Whip. She is a member of the Legislative Black Caucus of Maryland, Inc., Women Legislators of Maryland, Maryland Veterans Caucus, and the Maryland Legislative Latino Caucus. She formerly served on the Montgomery County (MD) Merit System Protection Board, where she was appointed in 2014 by the Montgomery County Council to serve a three-year term.

She earned her Bachelor of Arts degree from Howard University and Juris Doctorate degree from Boston College Law School. She is a former Assistant State's Attorney for Montgomery County. Currently, she practices employment law and is a trained mediator.

Additionally, Delegate Crutchfield has been an active participant in local politics with her election to a four-year term on the Montgomery County (MD) Democratic Central Committee in 2010. She has been a member of various Democratic clubs in Montgomery County (MD) to include President of the Maryland Legislative District 19 Democratic Club and membership on the Executive Board of the Woman's Democratic Club of Montgomery County, Maryland.

Her commitment to her community has included service as Parliamentarian for the Potomac Valley Section, National Council of Negro Women, Inc., President of Glenallan Elementary

School PTA, member of the Board of Directors of Tivoli Homeowners Association, member of Kemp Mill Toastmasters, and the N.A.A.C.P Parent's Council Representative for John F. Kennedy HS, PTSA.

Delegate Crutchfield is a member of the Montgomery County Alumnae Chapter (MD) of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., a widow, mother of two adult children and resides in Silver Spring, MD.





Lisae C. Jordan

Lisae C. Jordan currently serves as Executive Director & Counsel for the Maryland Coalition Against Sexual Assault (MCASA). MCASA works to end sexual violence across the lifespan by advocating for survivors and the programs and professionals who help survivors. This includes work for survivors of child sexual abuse, older adult abuse, sex trafficking, sexual exploitation, intimate partner sexual assault (SA), and non-intimate partner SA. MCASA is the federally recognized state sexual assault coalition and provides training, expert advice, certification of rape crisis programs, and public policy advocacy throughout the state of Maryland.

Ms. Jordan is also the founder and director of the Maryland Coalition Against Sexual Assault's Sexual Assault Legal Institute (SALI), a nationally recognized project providing legal services to survivors of sexual assault, and legal training and technical assistance for professionals working with survivors. Other MCASA programs Ms. Jordan helped establish to provide direct services to survivors including the Sexual Assault Kit Initiative (SAKI) (in partnership with the Attorney General's Office and Maryland State Police), and Office Hours and Representation for Survivors in Educational Settings.

Ms. Jordan has helped create and pass many statutes to help prevent violence against women and children and bring abusers to justice. Successful legislative advocacy efforts include legislation mandating funding for sexual assault programs, bills establishing child abuse and domestic violence as grounds for divorce, legislation permitting rape survivors to petition to terminate the rapist's parental rights when her child was conceived through rape, repealing marriage as a defense to sex crimes, major reforms of Maryland's workplace harassment laws, laws mandating lawyers in college sexual assault proceedings, and legislation requiring that rape survivors have access to medicine to prevent HIV infection.

Ms. Jordan served on the General Assembly's Workplace Harassment Commission created by Speaker Mike Busch and President Mike Miller. She is a former member of Council of the ABA Section of Family Law, where she chaired their Domestic Violence Committee and sat on the ABA Commission on Domestic Violence. Her recognitions include the Maryland Legal Services Cardin Award, the Women's Law Center Dorothy Beatty Award, the Maryland Children's Alliance Justice for Children Award, MCASA's Visionary Award, and being named an Influential Marylander by the Daily Record. Ms. Jordan graduated with honors from Harvard Law School and was a law clerk for the Honorable André M. Davis.





Melanie Shapiro

Melanie Shapiro joined the Maryland Network Against Domestic Violence as the Public Policy Director in January of 2021. Melanie comes to MNADV from the Maryland Office of the Public Defender where she worked in various roles including as a member of the Government Relations Team and the former Chief Attorney for the Baltimore City Juvenile Division.

Prior to joining the MOPD, Ms. Shapiro represented children in child protective and juvenile delinquency proceeding at the Legal Aid Society's Juvenile Rights Division in New York City. Ms. Shapiro was a judicial clerk for the Honorable Ruth A. Jakubowski in the Baltimore County Circuit Court. She received her J.D. from the University of Maryland School of Law and her B.A. from Franklin & Marshall College.





Amanda K. Rodriguez

Amanda K. Rodriguez, Esq. graduated from the University of Maryland at College Park in 2005 as the only candidate to receive the prestigious Arts/Law degree in her class. She received her Juris Doctorate from the University of Baltimore School of Law in 2007. During her legal study, she was the first student attorney in the Immigrants' Rights Clinic at the University of Baltimore. Subsequently, she wrote numerous articles on the topic of the international implications of human trafficking on the United States' economy, human trafficking, prosecution, investigation, and domestic minor sex trafficking. Her articles have been published nationally and internationally. She was an Assistant State's Attorney for Baltimore County where she oversaw all human trafficking investigations in the county. In 2014, Mrs. Rodriguez transitioned to the role of Manager of Domestic Violence and Human Trafficking Policy for the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention and was appointed a Special Assistant United States Attorney where she oversaw the state-wide implementation of policy and protocol related to human trafficking in Maryland. She subsequently moved to leadership roles at local victim service agencies.

She accepted her current position of Executive Director of TurnAround, Baltimore's rape crisis center, and a comprehensive domestic violence and human trafficking service provider in December of 2019. She is also currently the Co-Chair of the Legislative Subcommittee for the Maryland Human Trafficking Task Force and the Chair of the Legislative Committee of the Board of Directors for the Maryland Network Against Domestic Violence. She has received numerous awards for her work on human trafficking in the state including the Breakthrough Award from the Maryland Human Trafficking Task Force, a special citation from Baltimore County, two citations from the State of Maryland, a special

recognition from the Baltimore U.S. Attorney's Office for her successful prosecution of traffickers involved in child exploitation and her commitment to human trafficking survivors. Additionally, she was recognized in 2014 as a Leading Woman by the Daily Record.