



Maricruz R. Fincher, General Counsel

Maricruz R. Fincher served as an attorney in the District's Office of Counsel from March 2016 to June 2018. She rejoined the District in June of 2022 as Acting Managing Attorney for the Everglades and Environmental Law section of the Office of Counsel. Before Ms. Fincher rejoined the District, she served as counsel for the City of Franklin, TN, providing legal counsel and representation to the City's commissions and departments in various areas.

Ms. Fincher has over 14 years of legal experience representing local and state governmental entities. She holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science and a Bachelor of Science in Accounting from Florida International University, and a Juris Doctorate from Florida State University College of Law.

As General Counsel, she provides and supervises legal services in support of the agency's mission responsibilities. The Office of Counsel provides the legal framework for advancing and accelerating the District's projects and priorities. Ms. Fincher leads a team that includes attorneys, paralegals, and administrative professionals, each with unique backgrounds and expertise that allows the Office to think creatively and provide diverse perspectives on every issue.

The Office consists of two distinct sections, one focusing on the District's mission to restore the Everglades and create sound environmental policy, and another focusing on governmental law, civil litigation, and legal disputes involving federal and state environmental law. The Office of Counsel also has a dedicated Labor and Employment Specialist.