

Marta Almodovar was born in Bialystok and received her master in law degree from the University of Warsaw in, Poland. She began working for the Circuit Court of Cook County in 1998. She started as a court clerk in the Probate Division. In 2003 she was assigned to the Office of the Presiding Judge of the First Municipal District where she was advising Presiding Judge as to issues arising from allocation of staff, procedures, policy initiative and administrative matter. Between 2008 and 2017, she was an Administrative Supervisor for the Mandatory Arbitration Center for the Circuit Court of Cook County where she was responsible for reviewing current policies, procedures, and practices of court mandatory arbitration program in an effort to streamline administrative functions and to recommend operation enhancements.

In 2017 she became the Supervisor of the Office of Accessibility and Education Outreach for the Office of the Chief Judge. She managed the court's educational outreach programs which include tours, a mock trial competition and DUI prevention program for high school students presented by judges along with impact statements offered by victims and offenders. Currently, since the COVID-19 pandemic, Marta and her team of 32 employees have been essential workers in the court and worked in person, providing access to Zoom hearings for self-represented litigants. During the past three and a half years, they signed up over 160,000 to their remote hearings.

Ms. Almodovar is also a member of the Illinois Supreme Court Access to Justice Language Committee, a board member of the Chicago Sister Cities International-Warsaw Committee, a member of the Advocate Society, and first woman accepted and board member of the Chicago Society. One of her greatest accomplishments was in 2013. She planned and organized, with the help of the Ministry of Justice of the and Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Poland, a judicial exchange between the Circuit Court of Cook County and Poland.

Other recognition awards include the Chicago Volunteer Legal Service Annual Award, Sweet Holy Spirit Church of Chicago and United Covenant Churches of Christ-International "Community Spotlight Award" and the City Council of the City of Chicago resolution for her dedication to the Polish Community. In 2018 she was a recipient of the Chicago Bar Association Vanguard Award for her input to make the law and legal profession more accessible to and reflective of the community at large.

Ms. Almodovar is passionate in educating individuals in the community as a whole on how the Circuit Court of Cook County works and how to effectively navigate the court both as an educator and volunteer.