



Hon. Melissa R. DuBose-Associate Judge

Prior to being appointed to the Rhode Island District Court in 2019, Judge DuBose served as senior legal counsel at Schneider Electric specializing in corporate compliance, ethics, and fair trade. As a lifelong Rhode Islander, she earned her undergraduate degree in Political Science from Providence College and served over a decade as a Providence Public School history teacher. While teaching full time, she went on to earn her Juris Doctor from Roger Williams University School of Law. Upon earning her law degree, she was appointed Special Assistant Attorney General and assigned to the criminal division.

Currently sitting in Providence County, Judge DuBose presides over both criminal and civil calendars. In addition to her official duties, she serves on the Roger Williams University School of Law's Board of Directors and chairs the board's Diversity & Inclusion Committee. Additionally, she is a member of the Committee on Racial and Ethnic Fairness in Rhode Island Courts and chairs the Public Engagement and Education subcommittee. In 2021, she was appointed to the RI Foundation Board as Chief Justice Suttell's designee.