

Katie Curran O'Malley, Executive Director

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Katie Curran O'Malley was born and raised in Baltimore, Maryland, where she attended Towson University and the University of Baltimore School of Law. Katie began her legal career over thirty years ago as a prosecutor in the Baltimore County State's Attorney's office. In her role as a prosecutor, she presented hundreds of criminal cases before judges and juries in the District and Circuit Courts of Baltimore County. In 2001, Katie was appointed to the District Court of Maryland for Baltimore City, where she presided over thousands of criminal and civil cases, including domestic violence cases.

Over the course of her career, Katie has become an expert in handling cases involving domestic violence. Having worked with victims of intimate partner violence (IPV), she discovered the challenges faced by many victims who attempt to seek help through the judicial system. Too often, the brave individuals who do come forward are often left disappointed by the judicial outcome and are sometimes placed in further danger. Katie saw firsthand how important it is for victims of IPV to have economic security, autonomy, and physical safety so they can leave a physically abusive relationship. As a result of her many years of experience working with IPV victims, the District Court of Maryland tasked her with training newly appointed judges on how to effectively handle IPV cases. She was also an instructor with the National Council of Juvenile and family Court Judges.

In January 2024, the Women's Law Center of Maryland (WLC) named Katie as their new Executive Director. In this role, she continues to advocate for those experiencing domestic violence, family law, employment law, and sexual assault. The WLC provides legal services for these individuals and actively advocates for laws to better protect Marylanders in the areas of criminal law, civil rights, employment, and family law.

Katie serves on the Maryland Commission on Hate Crime Response and Prevention and Baltimore County Domestic Violence Coordinating Committee. Katie and her husband, Martin have four adult children, Grace, Tara, William and Jack. She and Martin live in the Homeland neighborhood of Baltimore City, with their chihuahua rescue, Max.