



## **Director Shanti Morrison-Novelo**

**Country of Birth:** Shanti Morrison-Novelo was born in Belize

**Nationality:** Belizean

**University Attended:**

University of Belize – 2004 - 2006 Bachelor of English.

University of the West Indies – 2009 – 2012 – Bachelor of Law.

**Law School Attended:** Norman Manley Law School – 2012 – 2014. – Legal Education Certificate.

**Employment history:**

- 2006 - 2009 – Teacher, Muslim Community Primary School, Belize.
- 2014 - 2023 – Magistrate, Belize Family Court, Belize.
- 2023 to date – Director, Belize Family Court, Belize.

# Message from the Director

A warm Belizean welcome to our website.

The Belize Family Court understands that family-related matters are among the most stressful situations a family can face, often involving deeply personal, private, and sensitive issues. We also recognize that navigating family law can be complex, whether it involves children, maintenance, custody, domestic matters, or juvenile justice.

Our goal at the Family Court is to treat everyone who comes before the court with confidence, dignity, and respect. We strive to make our services more transparent, time-efficient, and accessible to the public.

The purpose of this website is to provide you with valuable information about our services, court procedures, and your rights and responsibilities, whether you are preparing for a court appearance or simply seeking general knowledge about the Court.

The Family Court remains committed to upholding the rule of law and promoting the best interests of families and children who come into contact with, or conflict with, the law. We encourage you to explore our updated website for resources, guidance, and important information to assist you in navigating family-related matters.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours in Justice,

Shanti Morrison-Novelo

Director  
Belize Family Court