



MARISE C. JAMES

CANDIDATE FOR SENATE ST. CROIX

BIOGRAPHY

Marise James was born to a single parent, Constance Espinosa, a secretary, and seamstress, and into humble beginnings in Christiansted, St. Croix. They lived in the D. Hamilton Jackson Terrace and Ralph DeChabert housing projects with her maternal grandparents – Pedro Espinosa and Margrethe Pedersen Espinosa.

Marise's father, Randall "Doc" James, was a medical doctor to thousands of Crucians.

She is a graduate of St. Joseph High School and received her BA in Zoology from the George Washington University. She received her JD from the University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law.

Over the course of her career, Marise has worked in the private, nonprofit, and public sectors (civilian and military). Before practicing law, she discovered her passion for teaching and taught many students in the public school system. Her legal career includes working as an associate for the law firm of Hodge and Sheen, legal counsel for the Department of Planning and Natural Resources, the Office of Governor Roy L. Schneider, opening her own legal practice and founding The Paralegal Institute.

From 2004 until 2018, Marise worked as the Staff Judge Advocate for the Virgin Islands National Guard. During that time, she deployed to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. In 2019, Marise worked as a Policy Advisor for Governor Albert Bryan, Jr. until 2020 when she returned to her solo practice as an attorney and mediator.

In 1987, Marise married Anthony Paul from the dual-island nation of Trinidad and Tobago. Together they have three adult children – Camille, Sydney, and Jordan. Her husband has two older sons.



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