



## Enechi Ayodeji Modu

December 29, 1963 - April 27, 2026

### Called to Service

Sister, aunt, cousin, friend, mentor, faithful servant, and beloved daughter of the late Dr. C.C. and Mrs. Modu

Some people leave behind accomplishments.

Others leave behind a feeling.

Enechi leaves behind both.

Throughout her distinguished legal career, Enechi built a reputation for excellence, intellect, fairness, and leadership. As an attorney, litigator, judge, and supervisory judge with the United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, she presided over federal employment discrimination matters and significant class action cases throughout the Mid-Atlantic region. In her supervisory role, she also helped oversee and guide the work of fellow judges within the agency, reflecting the deep trust and respect placed in her leadership and judgment. Before joining the EEOC, Enechi worked within the Washington, DC public school system as an attorney and litigator, advising educators and conducting seminars on legal matters affecting individuals with disabilities. Earlier in her career, she practiced at Nixon Peabody, one of the nation's leading law firms, where she focused on mergers, acquisitions, and complex business transactions. Though accomplished in commercial law, she ultimately devoted much of her professional life to mission-driven work

centered on public service, advocacy, and the well-being of others.

But what distinguished Enechi most was the care, wisdom, and encouragement she shared so freely with others.

She believed deeply in uplifting people through mentorship, faith, advocacy, compassionate leadership, and genuine kindness. Whether supporting young professionals, encouraging friends and family, or serving her faith community, she gave generously of her wisdom, compassion, and time. Her commitment to others extended into leadership within the Episcopal Diocese of Maryland, including service on its Disciplinary Board. She remained deeply involved with the Cathedral of the Incarnation and St. Luke's Episcopal Church, engaged in ministries, mentorship, community outreach, and spiritual life.

She devoted care and attention to organizations supporting victims of family violence and causes centered on dignity, healing, opportunity, and hope. Enechi earned her Juris Doctor from Cornell Law School in 1989 after receiving her Bachelor's degree in International Relations from University of Delaware in 1985. In 1990, she was admitted to practice law in New York, New Jersey, and the District of Columbia, beginning a legal career defined by intellect, integrity, and service to others.

To many, Enechi represented excellence, wisdom, discipline, and leadership. To those who knew her personally, she is equally remembered for her warmth, humor, faith, generosity, elegance, creativity, laughter, and grace. Her impact lives on in the countless lives she uplifted, mentored, inspired, and loved.

Brilliant Mind. Gracious Heart.

# Previous Events

## Mass

MAY 30. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Paul Episcopal Church  
233 N. Charles Street  
Baltimore, MD 21201

# Tribute Wall

WJ

“ Wilma J. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Enechi Ayodeji Modu.

Wilma J. - June 14 at 10:15 AM

UO

“ US EEOC Baltimore Field office planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Enechi Ayodeji Modu.

US EEOC Baltimore Field office - May 30 at 09:06 PM

ED

“ The US Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, Baltimore Field office, and the Philadelphia District's Federal Hearings team sends its love and support. We deeply mourn yet celebrate the beautiful life of our colleague and friend, Chief Judge Enechi Modu. Her dedication and impact on civil rights was truly remarkable.



EEOC, Philadelphia District - May 29 at 10:36 PM

BC

“ Brian, Kurt, Patrick, George, and Chuck purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Enechi Ayodeji Modu.



Brian, Kurt, Patrick, George, and Chuck - May 29 at 08:11 PM

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**Brian, Kurt, Patrick, George, and Chuck** - May 29 at 08:11 PM



“ We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.

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**March Funeral Homes** - May 19 at 10:04 AM

CM

*I've struggled to find the words to convey the true depth of my sense of loss; but the words elude me. Perhaps the "space" Enechi filled in my world simply defies earthly description.*

*She was a remarkable spirit that I loved like a sister and treasured as a friend. Her memory is, and will always be, my blessing.*

*Cassandra*

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**Cassandra M Menoken** - May 30 at 02:16 AM