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Remarks from PRBA President, Elba Galvan, Esq.

Dear PRBA family,

Thank you all for making this evening possible. Tonight is a special opportunity to come together, break bread and celebrate our collective strength. We must also remember that for all we have achieved as Latinas & Latinos in the law, we must continue to build on this success: we have many more partners to name, judges to appoint, law students to foster, law school faculty to tenure and community leaders to develop.

I am proud that the Puerto Rican Bar Association has begun to take some of those necessary steps. The fruit of that effort is evident in this room ("shout out to our PRBA scholars and Metro LALSA"). My hope is that the momentum we have gained will continue, for the sake of those who are here and for the generation that will replace us.

Throughout the 57 years that have brought us to this point, we have relied on loyalty and trust. Loyalty to our mission and trust in one another. This year the PRBA Board of Directors and I have worked tirelessly to cast a wider net, attracting more advocates to our organization. Membership is up by over 50 percent, we have sponsored programs worth more than 15 CLE credits, have had record numbers attend our events (in excess of 140 people at our Stop, Frisk and Judicial Independence CLE), and invigorated a network of past scholarship recipients that will serve as a model for years to come. Most importantly, we have continued to engage our members' attention and commitment to changes needed in the law.

My passion has been, and remains, to illuminate issues relevant to our community. One of my greatest pleasures as your president has been to receive your feedback on our statements, editorials and programming. I am indebted to you for your enthusiasm in joining me on this journey, a journey that has been thrilling and often all-consuming – eclipsing all else in my life at any given moment. Thus, with the summer near, I look forward to traveling with my three school-aged children, and broadening their horizons beyond the familiar. I hope to rejoin you all when life permits. Know that I will carry with me the great honor of serving as your President, proud of what we have accomplished together, and heartened by the progress we will continue to make as a family.

Until then and as ever, Pa'lante...

Elba Galvan



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Remarks from Incoming President, Carlos Perez-Hall

I am honored and privileged to be the next President of the Puerto Rican Bar Association. As we conclude the 57th year of the existence of the Puerto Rican Bar Association, I would like to thank the current administration, led by President Elba Galvan, as well as all of the previous administrations, for all of their hard work, dedication, and perseverance. They have truly paved the way for the next generation of leaders in our community.

Over the past year, the Puerto Rican Bar Association hosted a number of programs that focused on issues facing the Latino community, ranging from using the media to advocate for immigration clients to the status of Puerto Rico. We offered our members CLE courses, celebrated our prior scholarship recipients and continued to support our judiciary through our involvement in screening panels. We modernized our website and updated our ability to communicate with our members through enhanced technology; we increased our membership exponentially through these improvements.

Moving forward, it is vital for the Puerto Rican Bar Association to look to its members to encourage and support one another. We are the leaders of the Hispanic community in New York State, and it is my job to advance the well being of our members so that we flourish as individuals and as a group.

It is my goal during my time as President to increase networking opportunities by hosting events, such as Town Hall meetings and cocktail parties, where the membership will be invited to meet the current Board and discuss ways to improve our Association. By sponsoring fundraisers with other bar associations, I plan to increase our members' exposure to other demographics so that we can demonstrate the wealth of talent we possess, as Puerto Rican and Latino attorneys, to a greater audience.

I encourage all members this year to rethink how they can contribute to the Puerto Rican Bar Association. Consider what you love about our organization, and if it doesn't currently exist, create it. I plan on creating a Judicial Screening Panel administered exclusively by the Puerto Rican Bar Association, so that we, as Puerto Ricans, will have a greater voice in shaping the stock and quality of our judiciary. I plan on creating a living history of the Puerto Rican Bar Association by asking our esteemed members to write about their experiences in the organization, how the organization has changed over time, and how it has affected them, so that we never forget how the organization began and the richness of our collective history. These are but a few examples of how I plan on growing our organization.

I am proud to be the incoming President of the Puerto Rican Bar Association. I have many more ideas about what we can do next year, but rather than me listing them all here, I'd rather you come say hello to me and talk about how we can improve the Puerto Rican Bar Association together. If you don't know me, I'm the tall skinny guy in the crowd who is always smiling. I can't wait to meet you and start working on these new ideas with you this year.

Respectfully,
Carlos Perez-Hall

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Programme



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STUDENTS BY
Robinson Iglesias, Esq.
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7:00 P.M.

WELCOMING REMARKS
Neysa Alsina, Esq.
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REMARKS BY PRESIDENT
Elba Galvan, Esq.



INTRODUCTION OF KEYNOTE SPEAKER BY
Catherine Torres, Esq.
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Melissa Mark Viverito
CITY COUNCIL SPEAKER



7:30 P.M.

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Carlos Perez-Hall, Esq.
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Keynote Speaker



Melissa Mark-Viverito

Melissa Mark-Viverito currently serves as the Speaker of the New York City Council, the first Puerto Rican and Latina to hold a citywide elected position. She represents the 8th District, which includes El Barrio/East Harlem and the South Bronx.

Speaker Mark-Viverito was born and raised in San Juan, Puerto Rico. She worked for over two decades in local activism, nonprofit organizations and labor before being elected to the City Council in 2005, as the first Puerto Rican woman and Latina to represent her district in the Council.

In 2009, she was elected to her second term in the City Council, during which she served as Chair of the Committee on Parks and Recreation, the founding Co-Chair of the Progressive Caucus and as a member of the Black, Latino and Asian Caucus. In 2011, she was one of four Council Members to pioneer the first-ever Participatory Budgeting process in New York City.

She is a graduate of Columbia College at Columbia University and Baruch College, City University of New York, where she studied Public Administration through the National Urban Fellows Program.

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2013 PRBA GALA EVENT



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ELECTIONS



Judicial Excellence Award



Hon. A. Gail Prudenti

The Honorable A. Gail Prudenti was appointed Chief Administrative Judge of the Courts of New York State, by Chief Judge Jonathan Lippman effective December 1, 2011. As Chief Administrative Judge, she oversees the administration and operation of the statewide court system, with a budget of over \$2.7 billion, 3,600 State and locally paid Judges and 15,000 non-judicial employees in over 350 court locations around the state.

Prior to her appointment as Chief Administrative Judge, she served as the Presiding Justice of the Appellate Division for the Second Judicial Department in New York State, the first woman to hold that position, having been appointed thereto, in February 2002, by then-Governor George E. Pataki. Before that, she was the first woman from Suffolk County to serve as an Associate Justice of the Appellate Division for the Second Judicial Department. Prior to ascending to the Appellate Division, Judge Prudenti was the Administrative Judge for the Tenth Judicial District (Suffolk County) for almost three years. At the time of her appointment as a District Administrative Judge, in February of 1999, Judge Prudenti was also the Surrogate of Suffolk County and was the first and only Surrogate in New York to hold the position of a District Administrative Judge. In August 2011, then-Presiding Justice Prudenti was designated to serve as a Judge of the Court of Appeals for the hearing and determination of the appeal and any related motions in the case of Matter of World Trade Center Bombing Litigation.

Judge Prudenti's judicial career began in 1991 when she was elected to the New York State Supreme Court where she served until 1995, at which time she began her term as the first woman elected Surrogate of Suffolk County. In 1996, during her tenure as Surrogate, Judge Prudenti was also designated as an Acting Supreme Court Justice and received the additional responsibilities of presiding over a dedicated Guardianship Part. After six years as the Surrogate, Judge Prudenti was reelected to the Supreme Court bench.

She earned her law degree from the University of Aberdeen, in Scotland, which also awarded her an honorary Doctorate of Laws in 2004. She graduated from Marymount College of Fordham University with honors. Her first position was in the Suffolk County Surrogate's Court where she was a Clerk and then a Law Assistant. For two years following her service in the Surrogate's Court, she served as an Assistant District Attorney for Suffolk County. Over the next decade, she was a private practitioner specializing in trusts and estates and was special counsel to the New York City Patrolmen's Benevolent Association's Widows and Orphans Fund. She has had extensive litigation experience in all the Surrogate's Courts in the metropolitan area.

Judicial Excellence Award

Her legal writings are extensive. Over 1,000 of Judge Prudenti's decisions have been published. She has contributed articles to many publications, such as "The New York Law Journal," "Newsday," "The Suffolk Lawyer" and "The Jurist." She has also published handbooks for guardians ad litem and has written extensively on guardianship proceedings. Additionally, Judge Prudenti has been a frequent lecturer throughout Suffolk County, Long Island, and the State, appearing at seminars and other functions sponsored by the Suffolk Academy of Law, the New York State Bar Association, the New York State Surrogate's Association, the Office of Court Administration, the University of the State of New York at Stony Brook, Touro Law Center, the Diocese of Rockville Centre, and the Roman Catholic Diocese of Brooklyn, to name a few.

The judge is a member of the Advisory Panel of Judges of the New York State Lawyer Assistance Trust Program, a member of the Council of Chief Judges of the National Center for State Courts, a former chairperson of the Office of Court Administration's Mental Health Curriculum Committee for Trial Judges, co-chair of the Chief Judge's Task Force on Delay in the Courts, a member of the Chief Judge's Commission on Public Access to Court Records, a former member of the Chief Administrative Judge's Judicial Legislative Group and a member of the OCA's Gender Bias and Anti-Discrimination Panel. In addition, the judge is a member of the Judicial Section of the American Bar Association, the former Presiding Member of the Judicial Section of the New York State Bar Association, a member of the New York State Trial Lawyers Association and the New York State Women's Bar Association, a former co-chair of the Surrogate's Court Committee of the Suffolk County Bar Association, a member of the Suffolk County Women's Bar Association, which she helped found, and a member of the Board of Directors of the Suffolk County Columbian Lawyers Association.

Judge Prudenti is an accomplished administrator and an experienced supervisor of large scale court operations, including one of the busiest appellate courts in the United States. As Presiding Justice, she served on the Judiciary's primary decision-making body, the Administrative Board of the Courts, which provides direction and establishes statewide policies and practices for New York State's Unified Court System. In her various leadership roles, the judge has developed innovative programs and instituted many initiatives to enhance the administration of justice and promote the public's trust and confidence in the courts.

In her current role as Chief Administrative Judge, Judge Prudenti acts as the final authority on all administrative actions and services in the New York State Unified Court System, is the sole appointive authority for members of numerous statewide committees, and, in collaboration with the Presiding Justices, determines the annual assignment of over 3,300 justices and judges in the trial courts of the State of New York. She also serves as a member of the Oversight Board for Judiciary Civil Legal Services Funds in New York, which grants annual awards totaling \$25 million to legal services providers to the indigent throughout New York State, and as a member of the New York City Advisory Board for Administration for Children's Services. She recently established the Annual Judicial Excellence Awards to acknowledge two outstanding jurists for their extraordinary contributions to New York's judiciary and for their dedication and leadership in advancing the quality of justice.

While appreciative of the recognition and numerous awards she has received throughout the years from assorted groups and organizations, Judge Prudenti feels her greatest honor has been the opportunity to serve the people of the State of New York. The judge lives with her husband and fellow lawyer and former Suffolk County Attorney, Robert J. Cimino, in the Village of Bellport.

Community Service Award

Carol Robles Roman

Carol A. Robles-Román is the former Deputy Mayor for Legal Affairs and Counsel to Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg. She is the first woman to serve as Counsel to a NYC Mayor. For twelve years she was a member of NYC's executive leadership team. A lifelong New Yorker, her background includes leadership positions in governance, economic and business development, strategy and complex operations. She advised the Mayor and the executive branch on governance and compliance, judicial selection, anti-discrimination laws, ethics, police oversight, disability and access laws, domestic violence, and immigration. She led and oversaw the overhaul of several city agencies to improve access to justice and city services for New Yorkers. As a top executive for the NYS judiciary, she oversaw statewide operations for human resources, budget, technology and education and training divisions, and was named the first Special Inspector General for Bias Matters and later Special Counsel to then Chief Administrative Judge Jonathan Lippman. In business, she was Sr. Vice President/General Counsel of the Puerto Rico Industrial Development Company, a \$200 million public corporation where she led its continental business development offices in NYC, Chicago and California.



Carol is a national public speaker and appears regularly in the media, most recently on CNN discussing her mentorship program, *GPS: Girl Power School*, and on ABC speaking about national and international trends in the law and courts, education, women's rights, immigration, human trafficking and violence against women.

She has been recognized for her innovative and collaborative leadership style and for her work with corporations, foundations, community leaders, advocates, government officials and policy experts in creating several public private partnerships including the Latin Media and Entertainment Commission; NYC's first of the state-of-the-art Family Justice Centers, with dedicated prosecutors, civil attorneys, law enforcement and service providers under one roof; and the city's partnership with Grey New York, media professionals and service providers to develop a first -of-its-kind multimedia public awareness initiative: *Let's Call an End to Human Trafficking*. She convened and chaired the Mayor's Office Survivors of Human Exploitation Working Group, and led efforts for global and local solutions including focus on teen trafficking. She convened the NYS/NYC Anti-Child Trafficking Working Group to help government entities create better tools to work with children and families.

She is dedicated to higher education and sits on the boards of several institutions, including the National Association of Women Lawyers and the City University of New York, the country's largest urban public university system. She has received numerous awards and recognitions, such as 2011 "100 Most Influential Hispanics," by *Hispanic Business Magazine*, and PODER Magazine – ABC Business Awards for demonstrated remarkable strategy, vision and leadership. She is married to her college sweetheart (and former Puerto Rican Bar Association President) U.S. District Judge Nelson Roman.

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Academic Excellence Award



Professor Cristina M. Rodriguez

Cristina M. Rodriguez was appointed Professor of Law at Yale Law School in January 2013. From 2011-2013, she served as Deputy Assistant Attorney General in the Office of Legal Counsel in the U.S. Department of Justice, and from 2004-2012 she was on the faculty at the NYU School of Law. Professor Rodriguez is also a non-resident fellow at the Migration Policy Institute in Washington, D.C., and she has been a term member on the Council on Foreign Relations and the Henry L. Stimson Visiting Professor of Law at Harvard Law School. Professor Rodriguez's fields of research and teaching include immigration law and policy; constitutional law and theory; administrative law and process; language rights and language policy; and citizenship theory. Her most recent works include *Negotiating Conflict through Federalism* (2014), *Regulatory Pluralism and the Interests of Migrants* (2013); *Immigration, Civil Rights, and the Formation of the People* (2013); *Non-citizen voting and the extra-constitutional construction of the polity* (2010); *Constraint through Delegation* (2010); *The President and Immigration Law* (2009); and *The Significance of the Local in Immigration Regulation* (2008). Before entering academia, she served as a law clerk to Justice Sandra Day O'Connor of the U.S. Supreme Court and Judge David S. Tatel of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit. Originally from San Antonio, Texas, Professor Rodriguez earned a B.A. in History from Yale College in 1995, a Master of Letters in Modern History in 1998 from Oxford University, where she was a Rhodes Scholar, and a J.D. from Yale Law School in 2000, where she was an Articles Editor on the Yale Law Journal and a co-recipient of the Benjamin Scharps Prize for the best paper written by a third-year student. Her mother is from Ponce, Puerto Rico and her father is from Havana, Cuba.



Non-Profit Excellence Award

TINO HERNANDEZ

Tino Hernandez was appointed President and Chief Executive Officer of Samaritan Village, Inc., on December 18, 2008. He is responsible for the administration of one of the largest non-profit providers of community-based substance abuse treatment services in New York State. Serving more than 6,000 people each year, the agency has evolved into a nationally recognized organization providing comprehensive health and human services through a network of more than 20 facilities in New York City and upstate New York.

He leads Samaritan's efforts to deliver quality services to underserved populations including addicted men and women, clients with co-occurring mental health disorders, veterans suffering from Post Traumatic Stress Disorders, offenders, women and children, homeless individuals and seniors. He manages an annual operating budget of approximately \$70 million and a staff of over 600 employees.

In June 2013, the Governor appointed Mr. Hernandez to the newly created Behavioral Health Services Advisory Council. He is an appointee to the Governor's Medicaid Redesign Team (MRT) Behavioral Health Workgroup, which has been working to ensure that the Medicaid program functions within spending limits and offers quality services. He also serves on the MRT Affordable Housing Workgroup that focuses on the availability of supportive housing options for targeted populations in need. In November 2012, he was appointed by the Governor to the NYS Respond Commission, tasked with finding ways to ensure that New York State is ready to respond to weather-related disasters.

Mr. Hernandez serves on the boards of the Legal Action Center and the Coalition of Behavioral Health Agencies, where he is President.

Prior to joining Samaritan Village, Mr. Hernandez was the second longest serving Chairman of the New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA), serving from March 2001 until December 2008. Prior to NYCHA, he held several executive positions within city government including Commissioner of the NYC Department of Juvenile Justice, Chief of Staff to the Deputy Mayor for Education and Human Services overseeing several city agencies including the Human Resources Administration, the Department of Homeless Services, the Department for the Aging, the Department of Youth and Community Development, NYCHA and the Mayor's Offices for AIDS Policy Coordination and People with Disabilities.

Mr. Hernandez also served as Deputy Commissioner for Adult Services at the NYC Department of Homeless Services. There, he was responsible for the formation of homeless shelter policy and led the City's efforts to privatize and convert city shelters to programmatic shelters operated by community based organizations that addressed underlying problems of homelessness, such as mental health, substance abuse, and unemployment. Prior to that he served as Assistant Commissioner for the Division of HIV Program Services at the NYC Department of Health where he oversaw HIV health care and HIV prevention initiatives.

Before entering government, Mr. Hernandez was Vice President for Clinical Services at Samaritan Village. Mr. Hernandez obtained a Bachelor of Science degree from Adelphi University in 1986. A licensed social worker (LMSW), he graduated in 1988 from the SUNY at Albany, Nelson A. Rockefeller College of Public Affairs and Policy with a Masters in Social Work with a concentration in management. He is married and resides in Manhattan. He is the father of two children.

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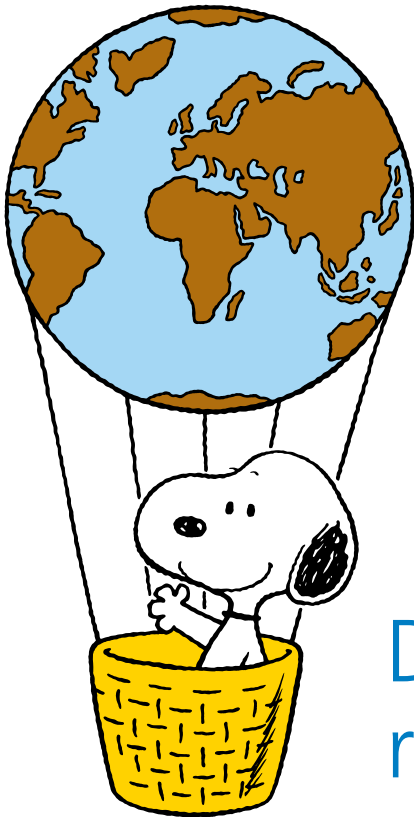
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Dear Friends:

Greetings to everyone gathered for the Puerto Rican Bar Association's 57th Anniversary Scholarship Fund Gala. It is a great honor to be part of the Host Committee for such an important event.

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Best wishes for continued success.

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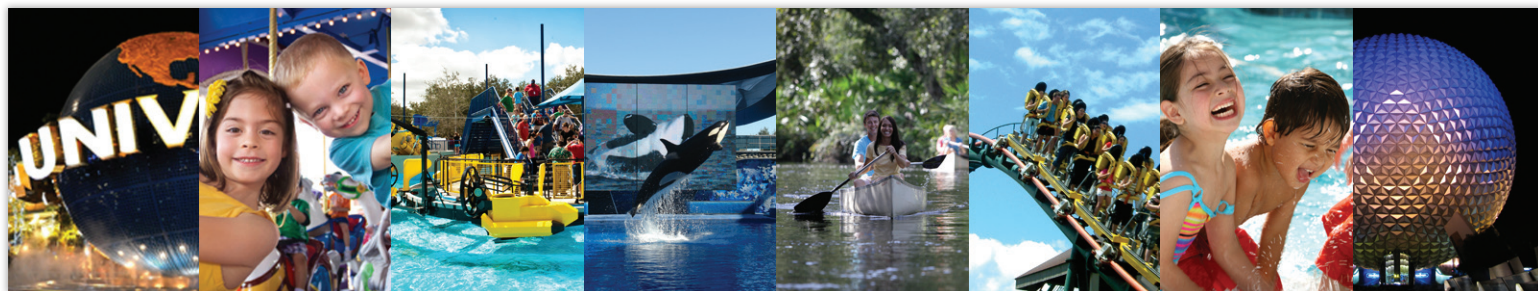
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Dear Friends:

I am honored to congratulate the Puerto Rican Bar Association Scholarship Fund, Inc. as it gathers for its 57th Anniversary Scholarship Fund Gala titled "Championing the Future: Harnessing Our Collective Potential". I am grateful for the opportunity to recognize the admirable work of the Puerto Rican Bar Association, its dedication to the legal community, and this evening's distinguished honorees on this auspicious occasion.

For fifty-seven years, the Puerto Rican Bar Association is committed to enhancing its members' professional development, upholding the highest standards of excellence in the legal field, and facilitating access to legal services for the local community. I applaud each of you gathered here this evening for your commitment to deliver quality legal services for the Latino community, while continuing to uphold the integrity of the judiciary and the dignity of the legal profession.

Also, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate tonight's honorees: Hon. Gail Prudenti, Chief Administrative Judge, Courts of New York State, recipient of the *Judicial Excellence* award; Orrick Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP, recipient of the *Law Firm Diversity* award; Professor Cristina Rodriguez, Yale University Law School, recipient of *Academic Excellence* award; Carol Robles-Roman, CUNY Trustee, recipient of the *Community Service* award; and Samaritan Village, recipient of the *Non-Profit Excellence* award. This year's honorees have dedicated themselves to encourage the next generation of lawyers and educators to academically and professionally succeed. The PRBA's devotion to the Latino community is a true inspiration to us all.

Again, thank you for your commitment and dedication on behalf of the Latino community. I hope that the Puerto Rican Bar Association Scholarship Fund, Inc. will continue these noble efforts for many years to come. Congratulations on your 57th Anniversary!

Sincerely,



Charles E. Schumer
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May 14, 2014

Dear Friends,

It is a privilege to send greetings to everyone attending the 57th Anniversary Scholarship Fund Gala, *Championing the Future: Harnessing Our Potential*. It gives me great pleasure to congratulate tonight's honorees: The Honorable Gail Prudenti, Cristina Rodriguez, Carol Robles-Roman and Orrick Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP.

I am grateful to organizations like the Puerto Rican Bar Association for your steadfast commitment and involvement in the community. For over 50 years, this organization has provided invaluable services to families in need of assistance. Your efforts have strengthened the principle of equal justice for all in the community. It is my hope that your organization inspires others to take part in actions large and small, public and private to enhance the well-being of those in our community.

Please accept my best wishes for a wonderful event and many years of continued success.

Sincerely,

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Kirsten Gillibrand
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NYDIA M. VELAZQUEZ
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May 14, 2014

Dear Friends,

It is my pleasure to recognize the Puerto Rican Bar Association (PRBA) on your annual Anniversary Scholarship Fund Gala Banquet, "Championing the Future: Harnessing Our Collective Potential." The PRBA is to be commended for showcasing the extraordinary work your members do in our community.

The personal and professional support your organization provides is vital to Puerto Ricans everywhere. Because of your steadfast commitment to social and economic justice, we have made important strides toward attaining greater equality for all Latinos.

Let me also congratulate tonight's exceptional honorees for their leadership and contributions: the Honorable Gail Prudenti, Chief Administrative Judge of the Courts of New York State; Orrick Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP; Professor Cristina Rodriguez, Yale University School Law; CUNY Trustee Carol Robles-Roman; and Samaritan Village.

Thank you for working tirelessly toward improving the quality of life for thousands of citizens. Best wishes for continued success.

Sincerely,

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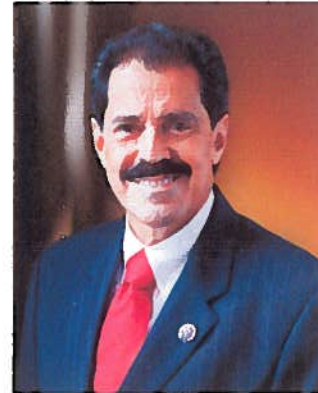
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Dear Friends,



It gives me great pleasure to congratulate the Puerto Rican Bar Association Scholarship Fund as you celebrate the 57th anniversary of the Scholarship Fund. The Puerto Rican Bar Association Scholarship Fund provides a unique opportunity for local leaders to pursue educational goals, and I thank the entire organization for its longstanding commitment to the Latino community.

This year's theme "Championing the Future: Harnessing Our Potential", speaks to the overwhelming power and potential within the Latino community. I am very pleased to see such an esteemed organization celebrating and honoring individuals and organizations who continuously work to maximize the potential of the Latino Community each and every day. Since 1978 the Puerto Rican Bar Association has distinguished itself as a true pioneer and its current effort to harness the underlying potential of the Latinos is another example of the organization's dedication to its community.

I congratulate this year's gala honorees Honorable Gail Prudenti, Professor Cristina Rodriguez, Carol Robles-Roman, and Orrick Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP. I would also like to extend special congratulations to all the recipients, past and present, of the Puerto Rican Bar Association Scholarship Fund.

In closing, allow me to say that you have my appreciation and continued support, and I wish you nothing but the best.

Sincerely,

Jose E. Serrano
Member of Congress



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May 14, 2014

Dear Friends:

It is a pleasure to send greetings to everyone gathered for the 57th Anniversary Scholarship Fund Gala Banquet of the Puerto Rican Bar Association (PRBA).

For generations, members of the legal community have improved the lives of people across this state and nation. The PRBA exemplifies an honored tradition of responsible jurisprudence upheld by justices and attorneys of Puerto Rican heritage who take pride in their shared culture and professional association.

As individuals who recognize that educational opportunities can open doors for youth, I applaud your commitment to supporting the educational goals of aspiring young students of law and awarding generous scholarships to those of Puerto Rican heritage. I commend your entire membership for their work in various legal fields, addressing problems and issues with knowledge and proficiency. All of them serve the public interest admirably and conscientiously as effective forces within our judicial and legal systems.

Warmest regards and best wishes for an enjoyable evening.

Sincerely,

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ANDREW M. CUOMO



THE CITY OF NEW YORK
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May 14, 2014

Dear Friends:

I am pleased to welcome everyone to the 57th Anniversary Scholarship Fund Gala hosted by the Puerto Rican Bar Association.

As the foundation of our democratic society, law is one of our greatest tools to fight injustice, expand opportunities, and end discrimination, so I salute PRBA for nurturing Puerto Rican and Latino lawyers who are dedicated to ensuring equality for all. For nearly 60 years, PRBA has been a valuable resource for the Puerto Rican and Latino community, awarding scholarships to deserving students, mentoring new lawyers, fighting for LGBT rights, supporting women in the legal profession, and so much more. I look forward to working with PRBA in building a stronger, more united city where all New Yorkers can rise together.

On behalf of the City of New York, I extend congratulations to all the honorees – Judge Gail Prudenti, Professor Cristina Rodriguez, Carol Robles-Román, Samaritan Village, and Orrick Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP. Please accept my best wishes for a terrific event and continued success.

Sincerely,

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May 14th, 2014

Dear Friends,

It is my pleasure to congratulate the Puerto Rican Bar Association (PRBA) as it celebrates its Scholarship Fund's 57th Anniversary Gala Banquet.

Since its inception in 1978, the PRBA Scholarship Fund has had a truly significant impact in our communities, having touched the lives of many deserving Puerto Rican / Latino law students by providing scholarship grants to assist with their studies. This year's gala, with the theme "Championing the Future: Harnessing Our Potential", brings together over 400 esteemed members of our legal and business community to honor talented individuals who have made significant contributions to our society and provide additional scholarships to help the next generation of great legal minds.

Congratulations to the Honorable Gail Prudenti, Chief Administrative Judge of the Courts of New York State, upon being recognized with the Judicial Excellence Award. Congratulations also to Orrick Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP upon receiving the Law Firm Diversity Award; Professor Cristina Rodriguez upon receiving the Academic Excellence Award; Carol Robles-Roman, CUNY Trustee, upon receiving the Community Service Award; and Samaritan Village upon receiving the Non-Profit Excellence Award.

Tonight's award recipients are being honored for their proud accomplishments and contributions to the tradition of excellence of the PRBA. I commend all of you for your longstanding commitment to excellence and dedication to our community and look forward to working with you in the years to come.

Sincerely,

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Hon. Jeffrey D. Klein
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May 14, 2014

Elba Galvan, President
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Dear Friends:

Greetings to all those gathered this evening for the 57th Anniversary Gala hosted by the Puerto Rican Bar Association. Founded in 1957 by a small group of Puerto Rican and Latino attorneys, the PRBA has a rich history of standing up for the most vulnerable members of society, ensuring equal opportunity within the legal profession and creating supportive networks for lawyers, professors and law students of Latino descent.



As the Puerto Rican Bar Association has grown to include more than 500 members, it has increasingly taken a more assertive stance in pursuit of its commitment to the Puerto Rican community and other underserved communities, seeking to shape the laws and policies that impact Latinos. The Association also expresses its sense of responsibility to the community by sponsoring the PRBA Scholarship Fund, which has provided over \$200,000 to date to support the next generation of leaders in the legal profession. The PRBA fosters a lively dialogue about the issues of the day among its members, and helps translate ideas into practical actions when appropriate. The dedicated officers, board and members of the Puerto Rican Bar Association are building solidarity and advancing the rule of law in New York State.

Best wishes for a joyful celebration and continued success.

Sincerely,

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State Comptroller

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May 14, 2014

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Dear Friends:

It is my pleasure to extend best wishes to all attending the Puerto Rican Bar Association's 57th Anniversary Scholarship Fund Gala, "Championing the Future: Harnessing Our Potential."

Since 1957, the Puerto Rican Bar Association (PRBA) has worked to ensure that Puerto Ricans and Latinos are afforded equal rights under the law. The PRBA has been a force for positive change and has dramatically expanded outreach to underserved communities in New York City.

The PRBA recognizes the importance of nurturing the talents of today's Latino law students, as well as easing their financial hardships. Tonight's theme, "Championing the Future: Harnessing Our Potential," encompasses a worthy ideal that New York's young adults deserve an opportunity to fulfill.

Congratulations to tonight's honorees – Hon. Gail Prudenti, Chief Administrative Judge of the Courts of New York State, recipient of the Judicial Excellence Award; Orrick Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP, recipient of the Law Firm Diversity Award; Prof. Cristina Rodriguez of Yale University Law School, recipient of the Academic Excellence Award; Carol Robles-Roman, CUNY Trustee, recipient of the Community Service Award; and Samaritan Village, recipient of the Non-Profit Excellence Award.

Once again, thank you to the Puerto Rican Bar Association for bringing us together to celebrate community and service. Please accept my best wishes for continued success.

Sincerely,

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Luis A. Gonzalez

Presiding Justice

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May 14, 2014

Dear Friends,

Congratulations to the Puerto Rican Bar Association on this special occasion of its 57th Anniversary Scholarship Fund Gala. My heartfelt congratulations to this evening's distinguished honorees and award recipients. They include the Honorable Gail Prudenti, Chief Administrative Judge of the State of New York, recipient of the Judicial Excellence Award; Orrick Herrington & Sutcliff, LLP, recipient of the Law Firm Diversity Award; Professor Christina Rodriguez, Faculty of the Yale University School of Law, recipient of the Academic Excellence Award; Carol Robles-Roman, CUNY Trustee, recipient of the Community Service Award; and Samaritan Village, recipient of the Non-Profit Excellence Award.

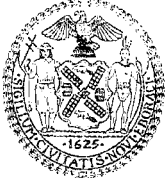
For nearly six decades, the Puerto Rican Bar Association has committed itself to professional development in the Latino community. This year's Gala theme "Championing the Future: Harnessing our Potential" is fitting - it reflects the Association's renewed commitment to excellence in providing resources for professional development for the Puerto Rican community's growing, vibrant legal society. The Association is a powerful example for those engaged in the practice of law and it provides access to legal services for those otherwise unable to obtain representation. For these services the organization deserves our gratitude.

I take this opportunity to thank and acknowledge the hard work of the committed officers of the organization. Special thanks to Elba Galvan, Esq. our outgoing President, and Carlos Perez Hall Esq., our new President. The leadership and commitment that our officers give freely each day to support and lead this fine organization is invaluable. We truly appreciate all of your efforts.

I also thank all who attend this evening's gala, and all the functions sponsored, hosted, and conducted by the Puerto Rican Bar Association. It is my honor and privilege to salute tonight's honorees and to congratulate this year's grant recipients - tomorrow's leaders.

Sincerely,

Luis A. Gonzalez
Hon. Luis A. Gonzalez



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CYRUS R. VANCE, JR.
DISTRICT ATTORNEY

May 14, 2014

Dear President Galvan and PRBA Members:

Congratulations to you and the Puerto Rican Bar Association as you celebrate the PBRA's 57th Anniversary Scholarship Fund Gala Banquet, "Championing the Future: Harnessing Our Potential." This annual celebration is a testament to the PRBA's vitality and its expanding role as a voice for New York's Puerto Rican and Latino attorneys, and just as importantly, for the larger Latino community. Since its formation in 1957, the PRBA has served as a model of what a legal professional organization should strive for in serving its members and the community.

Congratulations also to keynote speaker Melissa Mark-Viverito, the New York City Council Speaker, and to the distinguished guests of honor and award recipients: the Honorable Gail Prudenti, Chief Administrative Judge of the Courts of New York State, recipient of the Judicial Excellence Award; Orrick Herrington & Sutcliffe, LLP, recipients of the Law Firm Diversity Award; Carol Robles-Roman, CUNY Trustee, recipient of the Community Service Award; Yale University Law School Professor Cristina Rodriguez, recipient of the Academic Excellence Award, and Samaritan Village, recipient of the Non-Profit excellence award. The honorees have earned the Association's admiration and respect.

The PRBA's contribution towards building a bridge between the Latino community and the American legal system is critically important. The public's increased understanding of the legal system, particularly the criminal justice system, is significantly helpful to me as District Attorney. I appreciate the Association's help with my office's ongoing efforts towards meeting the unique and diverse needs of the Latino community, especially when working with crime victims or discussing public safety issues.

Very truly yours,

Cyrus R. Vance, Jr.



PUBLIC ADVOCATE FOR THE CITY OF NEW YORK

Letitia James



May 14, 2014

Dear friends,

It is my honor and pleasure to congratulate you on this 57th Anniversary Scholarship Fund Gala, aptly themed: "Championing the Future: Harnessing Our Potential."

According to the U.S. Census, the Latino community is the fastest growing minority group in the United States and in the State of New York. Today, a new generation of leaders is stepping up in a variety of leadership roles, including here at the PRBA.

As New York City's Public Advocate, I will work with you to advance a progressive agenda so we can build a city that works for all, regardless of which community they come from.

Congratulations to the distinguished honorees, Hon. Gail Prudenti, Carol Robles-Roman, Orrick Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP, Prof. Cristina Rodriguez, Samaritan Village and my good friend tonight's Keynote Speaker Hon. Melissa Mark-Viverito, and I wish you continued success as we move forward.

Sincerely,

Letitia James

Public Advocate of the City of New York

p.s: I know I wouldn't have been elected the first woman of color to hold city-wide office were it not for the trailblazers in groups like the PRBA. I am forever grateful for your leadership for setting the stage for all of us.

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May 6, 2014

Dear Friends,

As we celebrate the Puerto Rican Bar Association's Annual Scholarship Gala Dinner, the Puerto Rican and Latino community finds itself, once again, celebrating the many accomplishments of our organization and our distinguished honorees.

Since its inception in 1957, the Puerto Rican Bar Association, Inc. (PRBA) has served as a model of what a legal professional organization should strive for in serving its members and the Latino community at large. It has grown from a handful of Puerto Rican members to hundreds of lawyers committed to meeting the challenges confronting Latino lawyers in the legal profession. In order to meet these challenges, we stand on the shoulders of giants. PRBA members voluntarily give their time for the benefit of others sacrificing time from their practice and family. Our members are so dedicated to serving the interests of others that they created a permanent pipeline to provide scholarships to Latino students who demonstrate the character and fitness to succeed in the practice of law.

For their unparalleled commitment to excellence, generosity, and for having set such high standards, I give thanks to the following individuals and their families for the scholarships they have created:

1. Hon. Sallie Manzanet-Daniels – "Dare to Dream" Scholarship
2. Hon. Ernesto Malave Scholarship
3. Hon. Edwin Torres Scholarship
4. Hon. Ramon Velez Scholarship

Best wishes,

Robinson Iglesias

Robinson Iglesias, Esq.

Hon. Ramón D. Vélez

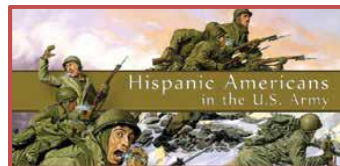
Scholarship

Ramón S. Vélez was born on

April 19, 1933 in Hormigueros, Puerto Rico to Francisco Vélez Cuevas and Maria Ramirez. In 1952 he served in the United States Army during the Korean War as a Combat Engineer (SP-3(T) and received an Honorable Discharge in 1954. He attended public school in Puerto Rico and upon returning from Korea attended the Inter-American University of Puerto Rico earning a Bachelor of Arts Degree in History and Political Science. Mr. Velez passed on November 30, 2008.

Ramón S. Vélez is best known for his political and civic leadership in Bronx County and has been regarded as an influential leader of the Puerto Rican community in the mainland United States as well as in the island of Puerto Rico. Mr. Velez was elected to the New York City Council in 1974 serving as councilman of the 21st Council District of the South Bronx. He dedicated his life to serving the underprivileged. The direct results of his leadership and vision are manifested throughout the South Bronx: the implementation of bilingual education in the New York City School System; the registration of more than 500,000 Spanish-speaking voters following the abolition of discriminatory language requirements; the South Bronx High School, Eugenio Maria de Hostos Community College; thousands of units of affordable housing; and the Hunts Point Multi-Service Center, Inc., a network of health clinics, mental health programs, drug and alcohol treatment and rehabilitation services, and innovative Day Care and Head Start Centers, which, together annually provides services to thousands of minority residents in the poorest Congressional District in the United States of America. Mr. Vélez served as an appointee to the Presidential Task Force on Federal Prisons during the Nixon Administration. Mr. Vélez, as President, created the National Puerto Rican Day Parade, Inc., drawing upon forty years of success with the New York Puerto Rican Day Parade. His legacy continues through the many people he influenced throughout the years and the institutions that continue carrying on his work. In his honor, we award student name

The Ramón D. Vélez Scholarship.



Vélez — Student Awardee



Rebecca Medina

Rebecca Medina is a rising third year law student at New York Law School (“NYLS”). During her time in law school, Ms. Medina has worked for Battery Park City Authority where she focused on labor and employment law, and real estate law. Currently, Ms. Medina is an active member of the NYLS Moot Court Association. Ms. Medina has received distinctions for her oral advocacy skills, including the Best Preliminary Round Oral Advocate Award in the Froessel competition. Additionally, Ms. Medina has dedicated her time to serving the Latino community. Ms. Medina was recently elected Vice President of the Latin American Law Students Association (“LALSA”), and has continuously mentored the first year LALSA students.

Ms. Medina is a graduate of Cornell University where she earned her B.S. in Communication- Persuasion and Social Influence with a minor in Law and Society. During her time at Cornell, Ms. Medina was a delegate of the Latino Ivy League Conference where she helped form a community between the Latino students from the eight Ivy League institutions. Furthermore, Ms. Medina was the President of the Pa’lante Dance Troupe where she coordinated educational and social events to promote Latino heritage within the campus.

Hon. Ernesto Malave

Scholarship



A CELEBRATION OF THE LIFE
OF VICE CHANCELLOR
Ernesto Malave
1958 – 2009

Ernesto Malave. It was the late 1970s when Ernesto Malave, lacking a high school diploma but harboring a laser mind and great determination, stepped through the doors of Borough of Manhattan Community College (BMCC), then located on West 51st Street on the edge of the theater district. Long-haired, with a South Bronx pedigree and a taste for hard rock, he enrolled in an innovative program that gave students a second chance at a high school degree and credits towards college.

At BMCC, Ernesto quickly made himself known. He declared his candidacy for Student Senate. With his remarkable focus and skills of persuasion, he won. A new student, he was now an advocate for students. It was a commitment he would forever keep.

The seeds of Ernesto's professional future—and his personal future as well, since he met his wife, Miriam, at BMCC—were planted in those early years. The roots took hold quickly.

The City University of New York was the institution that would nurture him, the place where he could grow.

For three decades, so much of Ernesto Malave's life—the flourishing of his professional identity and his rise to positions of increasing responsibility, influence, and leadership—was intertwined with its people, and with honoring and preserving its critical role in this great city and state.

As a student leader at BMCC, he served as a member of the University Student Senate from 1979 to 1981 and as student representative to the CUNY Board of Trustees Committee on Faculty, Staff and Administration in 1979-1980. He was treasurer of

BMCC's Student Government, and from 1980 to 1981 served as its president.

In 1984, when he earned his bachelor's degree from the College of New Rochelle, he had already been on the staff of CUNY for a year, as an admissions advisor in the Office of Admissions Services.

Two years later, there was a change in direction, a broadening of scope: Ernesto was appointed the University's assistant director of governmental relations, responsible for representing CUNY's interests at City Hall and in Albany. Four years later, in 1989, he joined the University budget office as a budget analyst and assistant to the budget director. Later, he was promoted to executive assistant to the vice chancellor for budget, finance and computing.

He had found his métier. In January 1996, Ernesto Malave became CUNY's acting budget director, a post he fully assumed in 1998. Chancellor Matthew Goldstein named him interim vice chancellor for budget and finance in 2002 and vice chancellor in 2003.

Managing the University's finances and advocating for CUNY's financial survival while staying true to its fundamental mission of offering affordable, accessible, quality higher education to New Yorkers of all circumstances presents demanding, ever-shifting challenges. With his remarkable talents, Ernesto met those challenges head-on. He knew CUNY and the political landscape in which it exists inside and out. Ernesto could argue his points with relentless focus—and translate the numbers into plain English. He was as comfortable explaining the complexities of CUNY's multibillion-dollar budgets to

legislators as to the University Faculty Senate, student government, and other student groups. He took the time to bring his “budget school” to officials and students at leadership retreats, decoding the University's finances so that tough choices could be understood and shared.

He was also creative. Navigating the University through increasingly choppy financial straits, Ernesto helped devise a brilliant public-private financing mechanism—the CUNY Compact, now the New York Compact for Public Higher Education—that would help keep the University moving forward on an even financial keel.

Above all, he was passionate about protecting the students who would be most affected by the vagaries of the economy, preserving counseling, advisement and other services critical to student retention and success. Even as funding for the University constricted, he found ways to bring more full-time faculty into the classroom.

Ernesto lived and breathed CUNY. He was also Miriam's husband, Ernesto and Erik's father, a son, a brother, a mentor, beloved colleague, and friend to many. He played a scrappy game of pickup basketball and listened to soothing Spanish ballads and other oldies at his desk.

Ernesto managed a vast financial universe, but he was no ordinary chief financial officer. His bottom line was keeping CUNY's riches affordable for the most economically vulnerable of students—whether hailing from his old South Bronx neighborhood, Flatbush, East Elmhurst, or the Lower East Side—who surge through the University's golden doors each year. That he kept that promise will always be remembered.

Malave — Student Awardee

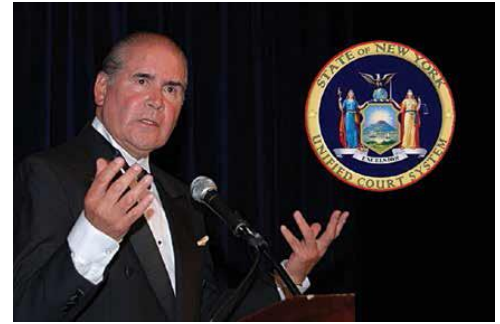


Jill Westerberg

Jill Westerberg is a second year law student at City University of New York School of Law. She currently serves as Social Action Chair of MetroLALSA Inc., which is a law-student run organization that works to foster a network of support for prospective and current Latino law students, and to increase awareness of issues affecting the Latino community. MetroLALSA held its Fourth Annual Pa'lante Conference on Saturday, April 5, 2014, at CUNY School of Law. That conference drew approximately 150 people to discuss current issues. She envisions spearheading the creation of a MetroLALSA mentoring program for current law students and recent graduates, as well as collaborating with the identity bar associations around the metropolitan area to increase student support for the mission of each group. She also serves as Vice President of CUNY LALSA. Jill is currently a legal intern with the Veteran Advocacy Project at the Urban Justice Center, focusing on the project's Discharge Upgrade Clinic. There she works with veterans whose character of discharge presents a barrier to their reintegration into civilian life. As a side project this summer, she will take charge of the Veteran Advocacy Project's nation-wide outreach. This summer she will be interning with the Office of the Public Defender of New Jersey, Middlesex County, where she will be arguing bail and suppression motions, and defending juveniles. Upon graduation, she hopes to work in veteran's advocacy. She hopes to establish her own non-profit providing more centralized legal, medical, and social resources for metropolitan area veterans.

Hon. Edwin Torres

Scholarship



Edwin Torres is a legendary

New York State Supreme Court Justice, the author of three gritty crime novels, two screenplays and, some of the most colorful sentencing statements ever made from the Criminal Court bench.

His writing career did not begin until years after his graduation from City College, which he entered by way of Stuyvesant High School and the streets of East Harlem's El Barrio where he was born and raised.

After obtaining a degree from Brooklyn Law School, Torres became the first Puerto Rican prosecutor in the office of the legendary Manhattan District Attorney Frank S. Hogan in 1959. Much of his tenure there was spent in Hogan's elite homicide division. It was while he worked as a defense lawyer from 1961 to 1977 that Torres first attempted to translate the harsh realities of street crime and the justice system into story form.

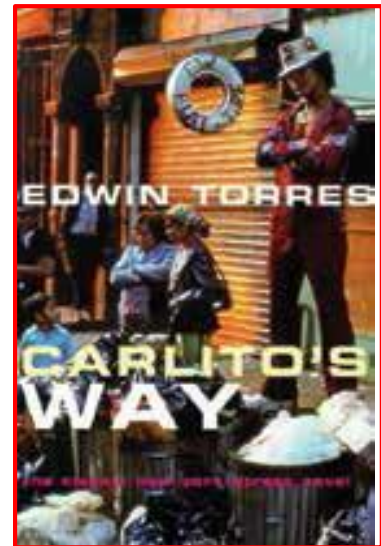
Though he chose the novel as his form of expression, his stated goal was to offer a portrayal of the streets so vivid and true to life that they would inspire films of equal accuracy. So he drafted his novels late at night, thinking all the while what great movies they would make.

He published "Carlito's Way" in 1975, "Q&A" in 1977, the year he was named Judge in the City's Criminal Court. His last work, "After Hours", made it into print in 1979, the same year he was elected to the State Supreme Court. He was re-elected in 1993.

The following year, he was honored by City College with a Townsend Harris Medal. Director, the late, Sidney Lumet made "Q&A" for the big screen, a 1990 release starring: Nick Nolte as Torres's colorful Manhattan police detective, Mike Brennan. "Carlito's Way" was released in 1993 starring Al Pacino as a reformed Puerto Rican drug dealer, Carlito Brigante. The film, directed by Brian De Palma, also incorporated elements of "After Hours". However, the prequel to "Carlito's Way" entitled, "Carlito's Way, The Rise to Power", directed by Michael Bregman, starring Jay Hernandez, Mario van Peebles, was released in October, 2005.

Additionally, he completed two new screenplays entitled, "Deadlock" and "Pleasant Avenue". The latter is the story of how heroin and other drugs first engulfed the East Harlem of his youth based on actual Federal minutes and, is in the process of making it to the big screen. In addition to which there may also be a television series based on his life as a judge.

Much of Justice Torres's writing in recent years has been devoted to the tough-minded send-offs he gives to defendants who have been found guilty in his court, among them perpetrators of some of the city's most heinous crimes. He was also appointed Commissioner of the Boxing Commission.



Torres — Student Awardee



Cristopher Santos

Cristopher Santos is a second-year law student at New York University School of Law. He was born and raised in Guanajuato, Mexico until his move to the United States at the age of 12. His family settled down in Downey, California, where Cristopher began his difficult journey through the English as a Second Language (“ESL”) and remedial programs. He had the privilege of attending UCLA where he first began his advocacy on behalf of the Latino community. He fundraised and advocated for undocumented students as part of IDEAS at UCLA and fought against fee increases and cuts to financial aid as the first undocumented student government officer at UCLA. He graduated from UCLA with a B.S. in Psychobiology in 2011. At NYU Law, Cristopher is a student advocate in the Immigrant Rights Clinic, outgoing Co-Chair of the Latino/a Law Students Association, and Notes Editor for the Law Review. He spent his 1L summer as a Ford fellow at MALDEF in Los Angeles and will be working in the Labor Bureau of the New York State Attorney General’s Office this summer. After graduation, he is excited to become a litigator working in the fields of immigration, employment, education, and civil rights. In his free time, Cristopher enjoys exploring New York City with his wife Veronica and dog Skeeter. He also enjoys volunteering his time to mentor immigrant youth, including some from his high school alma mater.

Justice Sallie Manzanet-Daniels “Dare To Dream” Scholarship



“Dare to Dream” that is the motto that

Justice Sallie Manzanet-Daniels has lived by. Her life has been a testament to the concept that a person is not defined by their circumstance in life, but only by the limitations one places on themselves.

Justice Manzanet-Daniels believes wholeheartedly that we as a people have an obligation to extend our hand, in whatever way we can, to assist the brothers and sisters who follow behind us.

It is in that spirit that she has established the “Dare to Dream Scholarship” in her name and endowed it with a \$50,000 contribution through the National Philanthropic Trust which will perpetually assist aspiring Latino law students. The Manzanet-Daniels family have committed to grow this trust over time so that it may help as many students who embody her life motto and likewise “*Dare to Dream*”...



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New York State Supreme Court
Appellate Division
First Department

Manzanet-Daniels — Student Awardee



Jamie Ruiz

Jamie Ruiz is a 3rd year law student at Touro College, Jacob D Fuchsberg Law Center. Jamie was born in Queens and raised in Long Island, where she attended public school. Her father is from Arecibo, Puerto Rico and migrated to the U.S. in 1960s. Jamie is the eldest of two children.

Jamie attended the University at Albany, where she received her Bachelor's Degree in just three short years with a major in Criminal Justice, and a dual minor in Spanish and Latin and Caribbean Studies. As an undergraduate, she was an intern for the Hispanic Outreach division of the Catholic Charities of Albany. At Touro Law Center, she is currently the Articles Editor of the Touro Law Review, the Co-Director of the Legal Education Access Program, and the Vice President of the Black Law Students Association. Jamie is a CALI award winner, where she received the award for Best Oral Advocate in spring of 2013, and is also a two-time Public Interest Fellowship recipient. Her interests include bankruptcy law and civil litigation and this summer she will be working in the Touro Law Bankruptcy Clinic filing pro-bono, Chapter 7 bankruptcy cases and a private law firm in Jericho, New York.

Jamie would like to thank, first and foremost, her parents, Virginia and Jimmy, for their unconditional love and support, her mentor Jennifer Feingold, law clerk to the Honorable Meryl Berkowitz, for always believing in her, and her professors and counselors at Touro Law Center for their invaluable advice and guidance. Jamie's goal is to pursue a career in bankruptcy law and civil litigation.

Student Awardees



Megan Martucci

Megan Martucci is a first year law student at Fordham University. After graduating with a B.A. in English and Psychology and a minor in Creative Writing from New York University, she started law school the following fall. While attending Fordham, she joined the Latin American Law Student's Association (LALSA) assisting with fund raisers and organizing projects to provide assistance to the Latin community. She also became a student mentor to the international students in the LLM program to help with adjustment to being in New York. Prior to law school she worked as an assistant for an independent Colombian film production company. In the future, she plans to pursue her interest in public service.



Stephanie Rivas

Stephanie Rivas is a first year law student at SUNY Buffalo Law School. She was born in Brooklyn, New York where she attended public school. She is of Dominican descent. Her mother migrated to the United States in 1969 and her father in 1989. She is the first person in her family to go to law school. She attended John Jay College of Criminal Justice and received her Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice with a concentration on crime and society. She minored in English. As an undergraduate, she was a staff editor for the school newspaper; The John Jay Sentinel. She also worked as a research assistant for the now Hon. Jenny Rivera, who currently sits on the NY Court of Appeals, in the Center for Latino/as Rights and Equality on the relationships between Latino/as and the legal profession. In the summers of 2011 and 2012, she was competitively selected to participate in the Ronald H. Brown Law School Prep Program, where students from underrepresented law school backgrounds were propelled into law school by providing them with thirteen law school classes and two distinct internships. Stephanie interned at the Kings County Criminal Court under the Hon. Deena E. Douglass. She also interned at the Legal Aid Society in Kew Gardens, New York which is dedicated to providing legal representation to low-income New Yorkers.

At SUNY Buffalo Law School, she is currently a clerk for the Buffalo Journal of Gender, Law and Social Policy, was recently elected to the Faculty Student Relations Committee Board, and is an active member of LALSA. She credits her success to her family who have given her love and supported any decision she has made. She would like to thank her family for always believing in her and showing their constant support. Her goal is to contribute to changing underrepresentation of people of color in the legal field and plans to make it her duty to be an advocate for social justice.

Student Awardee



Bianca Vitale

Bianca Vitale Garcia is a rising 2L and fellow at the Maurice A. Deane School of Law at Hofstra University. She was born and raised in Richmond Hill, NY. She is of Puerto Rican and Italian descent and eldest of two.

Bianca attended SUNY at Albany where she received her B.A. in Political Science in May of 2009. After graduation, she went on to accept a position with the Office of the Special Narcotics Prosecutor for the City of New York working as a Trial Preparation Assistant in the Special Investigations Bureau. During this time, Bianca also completed her graduate studies in Public Administration. She graduated *magnum cum laude* from Fairleigh Dickinson University with her M.P.A. in Public Management in May of 2011.

After three years of public service, Bianca went on to accept an academic scholarship to attend the Maurice A. Deane School of Law. Bianca entered as a first year law student in the fall of 2012. She is an active member of LALSA, and recently served as the organization's Co-President for the 2013 – 2014 academic year. She will begin her clinical studies in the fall of 2014 as a member of the Law Reform Advocacy Clinic.

Bianca is a former Joint Minority Bar Judicial Intern and has clerked for the Chambers of the Honorable Jeanette Rodriguez-Morick. This summer, Bianca will be interning for the NYC Police Department's Legal Bureau. Her interests include vacationing in Puerto Rico, jogging, yoga, and intramural volleyball.

Bianca credits much of her success to the love and support from her family including her aunts, uncles, cousins, her brother Jordan, and most important her mother Evelyn, who has sacrificed endlessly to provide her children with the best opportunities possible. After law school, Bianca will pursue a career in public interest law representing and advocating for underrepresented groups. She aspires to start a non-profit organization with her mother to help inner city youth gain college admission and financial aid.

Student Awardee



Daniel Vizcarrondo

Daniel Vizcarrondo is currently a Paralegal at the NYC Law Department and will be a first-year law student at Brooklyn Law School. Daniel was born in Hollywood, Florida and raised in Long Island, New York. His father is from Puerto Rico and his mother is from Colombia. While in high school, he developed a talent for assembling fund raisers and community service projects. Making a difference has always been important to him and is part of staying true to the Christian Vincentian roots for community service at St. John's University, where he received his Bachelor of Science degree in Legal Studies.

While an undergraduate, one of Daniel's proudest accomplishments as President of the Latino American Students Organization (L.A.S.O.) of St. John's University, is that he championed two scholarship initiatives for Latino students. The first scholarship was awarded to a fellow Latino St. John's University student, and the second scholarship was awarded to a Latino high school senior. Even though he, as a first generation college student, was struggling to pay for tuition by himself, by awarding those scholarships, he felt that he truly made a difference within the Latino community.

Daniel is proud of his Latino roots and culture and envisions himself as an integral contributor and future role model within the Latino community. Through his spirit for diversity and inclusion within the Legal profession and his passion for the Latino community's economic development, he is well on his way. His goal is to pursue a career in International Business Law as well as continuing to work within the Latino community.

**Thanks to the creative generosity of
Puerto Rican Bar Association Past President Sandra Otero, the
Scholarship Recipients will each receive an additional \$500.**

**Sandra Otero encouraged individuals to donate to our
scholarship fund by offering \$1,000 if the PRBA was able to
raise an additional \$3,000.**

**Neysa Alsina, Elba Galvan and Elena Goldberg-Velazquez met Sandra's
challenge. As a result, these leaders increased the grants our
scholarship recipients received today.**

**Thank you to Sandra, Neysa, Elba and Elena for your
contributions towards the future of the PRBA – our law students.**

