



Hispanic Bar Association of New Jersey

39th Annual Scholarship Gala & Awards Dinner



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OF EXCELLENCE
1980 - 2020

September 30, 2020
via Zoom
6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

RISE UP
ENGAGE
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MISSION STATEMENT

Founded in 1980, the HBA-NJ is a 501(c)(6) statewide organization which represents the interests of attorneys, judges, law professors and law students who share a common interest in resolving the issues affecting Hispanics within the legal community.

The purpose of the Association is to serve the public interest by: (i) cultivating the art and science of jurisprudence, (ii) advancing the standing of the legal professions, and (iii) preserving high standards of integrity, honor, and professional courtesy among Hispanic lawyers.

The HBA-NJ is a very active bar association. In addition to its many initiatives, programs, and public advocacy activities, the HBA-NJ cooperates with other Hispanic bar organizations, with other Hispanic community, business, civic, charitable and cultural organizations, as well as with other legal organizations in furtherance of the aforementioned purposes.



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Hon. Esmeralda C. Cabrera U.S. Immigration Court

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Hon. Roberto A. Rivera-Soto (2006-2011)

Hon. Faustino J. Fernández-Viña

APPELLATE DIVISION

Hon. Carmen H. Álvarez

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Hon. Julio L. Méndez Assignment Judge for Atlantic and Cape May Vicinages

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PROGRAM



WELCOME BY MASTER OF CEREMONIES

Reynold Lambert, Esq., HBA-NJ President-Elect
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OPENING REMARKS

Melinda Colón Cox, Esq., President
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AMERICAN PIPELINE PROGRAM PRESENTATION

Jonathan Barrera, Esq., Region 4 Trustee
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LAW STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS PRESENTATION

Robert Lamilla, Esq., Region 11 Trustee
Deputy Attorney General, New Jersey Department of Law & Public Safety

LAW FIRM OF THE YEAR AWARD

(Introduction by Jose Calves, Esq., Treasurer, *Associate, Parker McCay P.A.*)

Stark & Stark, P.C.

Accepted by Michael Donahue, Managing Partner & Alex Fajardo, Associate

CORPORATE PARTNER OF THE YEAR AWARD

(Introduction by Cristal Lambert, Esq., Vice President of Northern Region
Legal Counsel, Bed Bath & Beyond, Inc.)

Sterling National Bank

Accepted by Jeffrey Mercado

MARGARITA ECHEVARRIA TRAILBLAZER AWARD

(Introduction by Tabatha Castro, Esq., Recording Secretary
Member, The Castro Firm, Inc.)

Hon. Lourdes I. Santiago (Ret.)

CLOSING REMARKS

With Special Presentations & Entertainment Throughout the Evening

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

September 30, 2020,

Dear HBA-NJ *Familia*,

Bienvenidos! Thank you for joining us for the Hispanic Bar Association of New Jersey's ("HBA-NJ") 39th Annual Scholarship Gala & Awards Virtual Dinner. As I reflect on my 2019-2020 term as the HBA-NJ's 40th President, I cannot help but feel proud and look forward to celebrating our many accomplishments with you tonight.

In the first 40 days of my term, the HBA-NJ was able to raise over \$40,000.00 in 40 days in celebration of the HBA-NJ's 40th Anniversary! What a wonderful testament to the HBA-NJ's strength and reach, and to the collective power and influence of our sponsors, Board members, past presidents, members, and friends. Due to *your* generosity and support of the HBA-NJ, we will be donating \$50,000.00 to the Scholarship Endowment Fund this year, which will go towards funding our future scholarships and leaders! We will be donating an additional \$50,000.00 to 10 law school students and \$3,000.00 to two high school students from our American Dream Pipeline Program, for a total of \$103,000.00 – together we can make and have made a difference! Thank you to all of our generous sponsors and supporters for making this possible, and we applaud and congratulate all of the deserving scholarship recipients for their hard work and commitment to success.

There is no question that the world has changed since the HBA-NJ's Installation ceremony back in October 2019, and 2020 has been a most unexpected year. This year's theme, *Rise Up – Engage, Empower, Educate*, proved to be timely and appropriate. In a time of social unrest, injustices, and a pandemic that has changed our lives forever, it was both important and necessary for the HBA-NJ to *Rise Up* to support our membership and our community and I am proud to say that the HBA-NJ answered the call of duty.

This year, the HBA-NJ used its powerful voice to take a stance against the atrocities happening throughout our nation and in support of important legislation that impacts our legal, immigrant, and Latinx communities. We engaged, empowered and educated our community by holding educational and training programs regarding the 2020 Census, the importance of voter registration, financial literacy and wellness, Know Your Rights workshops, and we continued mentoring students through our Law School Mentorship Program and our American Dream Pipeline Program in Passaic and Union City. We also continued to give back to our community, holding our Annual Charitable Sandwich Drive and Food Bank Volunteer Day – two events that I helped to create when I co-founded the Young Lawyers Committee in 2008 – as well as our Annual Holiday Mixer & Toy Drive. This year's Sandwich Drive was record-breaking, as we had over 150 volunteers and made 4,427 sandwiches that were donated to 13 different shelters across New Jersey!

Before the pandemic hit, we were able to hold our 10th Annual Corporate Counsel Conference in Newark, thanks to the generosity of our Amigo sponsor Prudential. We again had over 100 attendees and held three panel discussions on timely issues that impact corporate and in-house attorneys, including an *Executive Leadership Roundtable: Approaches to Being a Change Agent in Your Company*, which included a discussion on the changing legal landscape, diversity and inclusion, and balancing the advisory role of legal departments with the business side of companies.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT (cont'd)

Once the pandemic hit, while our quarantine lifestyle required the HBA-NJ to adjust its programming, it did not stop us! For the first time in HBA-NJ history, we held our Women Empowerment Leadership and Law (W.E.L.L.) Conference virtually in two sessions. This year's W.E.L.L. Conference was titled: *Rise Up & Be Counted: Celebrating Our Past & Empowering Our Future*, and included a keynote address by U.S. Congresswoman Bonnie M. Watson Coleman, during which she gave inspirational remarks regarding the women's right to vote centennial, women in politics, and the importance of women empowering other women. The HBA-NJ also held its inaugural Financial Awareness & Community Training Seminar (F.A.C.T.S.), which was created to educate and train our Latinx community in financial literacy, wellness and security, and included three sessions for business owners, legal professionals, and students.

Additionally, in collaboration with Region III of the Hispanic National Bar Association and the Hispanic Bar Foundation of New Jersey, we raised over \$22,000.00 through our Jersey Strong COVID-19 Undocumented Family Fundraiser to purchase and donate ShopRite gift cards to undocumented families in need throughout New Jersey. Through the Coalition, an organization consisting of New Jersey and New York bar associations, an additional \$10,000.00 was collectively raised to purchase meals from minority-owned restaurants for delivery and to our frontline workers in hospitals across both states.

The HBA-NJ has had a busy year. While we faced some devastating and tragic losses and continue to fight against discrimination, hate crimes, and more, we have much to be thankful for and much to celebrate. And tonight, we come together to do just that. Tonight, we recognize and congratulate our Law Firm of the Year, Stark & Stark, for being a champion of diversity. Stark & Stark has been an HBA-NJ Amigo sponsor for several years now and has supported Trustee Alex Fajardo's work on our Board, allowing him to spend countless non-billable hours towards furthering our mission. This evening, we also honor our Amigo sponsor, Sterling National Bank, as our Corporate Partner of the Year. We especially thank Jeffrey Mercado and his Sterling National Bank colleagues who routinely support our events and scholarship endeavors – including a \$5,000.00 donation to our \$40,000.00 in 40 Days Fundraiser – and who serve as speakers at our American Dream Pipeline Program and our F.A.C.T.S. Conference. Finally, we congratulate the Hon. Lourdes I. Santiago, our 17th President, and who recently retired from the judiciary. Judge Santiago is a true pioneer, always serving as a beacon of wisdom and hope for the HBA-NJ and our community. Tonight's honorees are true trailblazers, and we are happy to honor and acknowledge their staunch support and commitment to the HBA-NJ.

To all our distinguished members, guests and supporters, thank you for joining us tonight in celebration of the



honorees, scholarship recipients, and the HBA-NJ. We hope you have a wonderful and memorable evening and that you are inspired to be the change.

Con cariño,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Melinda Colón Cox". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Melinda Colón Cox

Hispanic Bar Association of New Jersey, 40th President

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT-ELECT

September 30, 2020

¡Buenas noches familia! It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to the 39th Annual Scholarship Gala and Awards Dinner of the Hispanic Bar Association of New Jersey (the “HBA-NJ”). The Gala is one of the HBA-NJ’s signature events, during which we award scholarships to extraordinary students and honor trailblazers in our legal community. This incredibly impactful event is made possible by the support of our sponsors, all of whom are champions of diversity and inclusion in our community and strongly believe in the HBA-NJ’s mission. I want to thank our sponsors for making the Gala an amazing success. I also want to thank our President, Melinda Colón Cox, and the members of the Gala Committee for their hard work and personal sacrifices to make this a wonderful evening for all to enjoy.

This year, the HBA-NJ is awarding a remarkable \$50,000 in scholarships to 10 deserving Latinx law students. These students are the future Latinx leaders of the New Jersey bar, and the HBA-NJ takes great pride in contributing to their advancement and success. The HBA-NJ also is awarding scholarships to two high school students who are part of the HBA-NJ’s American Dream Pipeline Program. I would like to congratulate all of the scholarship recipients during this year’s Gala, and wish you all the best in your future endeavors.

As for this year’s honorees, they are all inspirational trailblazers dedicated to justice and the advancement of Latinx attorneys and members of our community. The Honorable Lourdes Santiago (ret.) was the 17th President of the HBA-NJ. Prior to her retirement, Judge Santiago served with great distinction as a jurist for over 16 years, and worked tirelessly to promote diversity on the bench. We also are honoring the law firm of Stark & Stark, for its steadfast commitment to diversity and inclusion in the legal profession. Stark & Stark has partnered with the HBA-NJ for many years, and its stellar attorneys have dedicated countless hours to advance the HBA-NJ’s mission. Lastly, we are honoring Sterling National Bank, who has supported the HBA-NJ year after year and contributed to many of our signature events, including this year’s first annual Financial Awareness & Community Training (F.A.C.T.S.) Seminar. Congratulations to all of this year’s honorees, and thank you all for your invaluable contributions.

To our distinguished friends, members, and guests, I thank you for joining and celebrating with us tonight. I hope everyone has a wonderful and fun evening!



Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Reynold Lambert', written over a light blue background.

Reynold Lambert

Hispanic Bar Association of New Jersey, President-Elect

RECIPIENT OF THE CORPORATE PARTNER OF THE YEAR AWARD

The Corporate Partner of the Year Award recognizes a corporate partner for showing a genuine commitment to both diversity and the mission of the HBA-NJ. Recipients of this award are leaders in their industries, model corporate citizens, champions of diversity, and advocates for a more inclusive legal community.



As one of Forbes' America's Best Banks, Sterling National Bank is a full-service commercial bank with offices in the New York City, the Hudson Valley, Long Island and New Jersey focused on providing solutions to middle-market companies nationwide. Sterling's Law Firm Banking group provides products and services designed for the legal community – based on their practice size, compensation approach and specialties.

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Remote Deposit Capture

Remote Deposit Capture ("RDC") is a system that provides everything you need to deposit checks directly from your place of business. You'll be able to securely scan checks remotely and receive same-day credit for deposits made before the deadline of 7:00 pm ET.



Jeffrey Mercado is the Head of the Law Firm Banking and Senior Managing Director in Sterling National Bank's commercial banking division. Prior to joining Sterling National Bank, Jeffrey spent nearly 20 years at Wells Fargo in a variety of roles, most recently as a Senior Private Banker in the Legal Specialty Group, where served as the primary source of contact and key strategic resource for AMLAW 200 law firms, leading a team of specialists to provide law firm banking solutions and services.

Jeffrey received his MBA degree from Columbia Business School and received his Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics from the University of Maryland, earned the CFP® designation by the Certified Financial Planner Board of Standards Inc. Jeffrey was born in Passaic, NJ and is an active partner to several local organizations dedicated to serve the legal community including Hispanic Bar Association of NJ, New Jersey State Bar Association, Morris County Bar Association, Bergen County Bar Association, Westchester Women's Bar Association and Association of Legal Administrators Long Island.

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RECIPIENT OF THE LAW FIRM OF THE YEAR AWARD

The Law Firm of the Year Award recognizes a law firm for showing a genuine commitment to both diversity and the mission of the HBA-NJ. Recipients of this award are proven advocates of diversity and inclusion, and promoters of a more inclusive legal community.



Stark & Stark has been respected for its quality work, caring attitude toward its clients, and support of the communities in which it has served since 1933. Whether individually or collectively, the attorneys and staff at the firm donate their time and resources for countless community and philanthropic organizations. Many of the firm's employees serve as active board members to these organizations and maintain leadership roles within their communities.

Stark & Stark prides itself on the diverse backgrounds and identities of its employees, each with a unique perspective, but united in the common goals of excellence, ethically serving clients, and learning from each other. Stark & Stark understands the importance of engaging and embracing people with different experiences and backgrounds in our work and services. The Diversity & Inclusion Committee at Stark & Stark is comprised of attorneys and staff from each of the firm's office locations, who meet regularly to monitor the progress of the firm's inclusion and diversity efforts. They strive to forge a closer alliance with the various national, regional, and local organizations which are devoted to creating and supporting members of our diverse culture.

Stark & Stark is a full service law firm that supports the legal needs of individuals and businesses in different practice areas including but not limited to accident & personal injury, family law, real estate, medical malpractice, and business & corporate law. With six offices spanning over Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and New York, Stark & Stark is extremely capable to take care of client needs and services.

Stark & Stark holds all attorneys and staff to the highest ethical standards. The firm places great importance on not only providing outstanding legal service to businesses and individuals, but upholding our integrity as a leader and ally in the community. More than 100 attorneys, 30 practice areas, and a philosophy of putting the law to work for our clients is the basis from which we build and maintain the practice. All in all, clients deserve to work with a firm that offers integrity, reliability, and personal commitment to finding the right solutions for the challenges and opportunities one faces every day.



RECIPIENT OF THE 10TH ANNUAL MARGARITA ECHEVARRIA TRAILBLAZER AWARD

The Margarita Echevarria Trailblazer Award, named after the HBA-NJ's first president, pays tribute to her courage and foresight as a trailblazer for New Jersey Hispanic lawyers. The award recognizes the pioneers among us – individuals who have dared to blaze new trails and break through glass ceilings. Through their efforts, these individuals advance the cause of Hispanic lawyers and help create opportunities for the Hispanic community as a whole.

Hon. Lourdes I. Santiago, J.S.C. (Ret.)



Judge Lourdes I. Santiago (Ret.) recently retired as a Judge of the Superior Court in Hudson County where she served since April 11, 2003. Most recently she sat in the Family Division as a Children in Court Judge since September, 2015. She previously sat in Criminal Division as the Drug Court Judge and also previously served in the Family, Civil and Chancery Parts. Prior to 2003, and since August 1, 1999, she was a partner at the law firm of Mark & Santiago, P.C. in Jersey City where she concentrated her practice in the areas of Immigration and Elder Law. Prior to that, Judge Santiago was a partner in the law firm of Korona, Beides, Eaton, Mark & Santiago, P.A.

Judge Santiago also served on the New Jersey Supreme Court Committee on Women in the Courts, and was recently re-appointed to serve as Co-Chair of the Women of Color Subcommittee. In 2011, she served on the planning committee of the Annual Conference for the National Association of Women Judges which brought judges from all over the world to Newark, N.J.



RECIPIENT OF THE 10TH ANNUAL MARGARITA ECHEVARRIA TRAILBLAZER AWARD (Cont'd)

Prior to the Bench, Judge Santiago was appointed as Special Master by the U.S. District Court in a class action by disenfranchised voters in Jersey City. Her professional appointments have included the Supreme Court IOLTA Board in 2001, and the Task Force on Minority Concerns in 1994 to 1998, among others. She also served for over four years on the Fee Arbitration Committee in Hudson County, as a Trustee to the New Jersey State Bar Foundation, and previously served on the Executive Committee of the General Council, the Nominations Committee, and the Task Force on Diversity of the New Jersey State Bar Association. Judge Santiago also served as Vice-President of the Hispanic National Bar Fund, Vice-President of Regions and Membership and of External Affairs of the Hispanic National Bar Association (HNBA), and also served as Region III President of the HNBA from 1998-1999. Judge Santiago further served as a Trustee on the New Jersey Hispanic Bar Foundation, and is a Past-President of the Hispanic Bar Association of New Jersey, having served as its 17th President in 1996-1997.

Judge Santiago has been the recipient of many awards and recognition including a 1999 Hispanic Heritage Award as the Hispanic Lawyer of the Year, the 1997 Congresswoman Mary T. Norton Memorial Award of Excellence presented by Hudson County United Way, and the Outstanding Achievement in the Legal Field by Aspira, Inc. of New Jersey. She is a graduate of Rutgers School of Law, Newark, and completed her undergraduate degree at Douglass College in New Brunswick. She was born in Aibonito, Puerto Rico and came to the United States at the age of six. She is the youngest of nine children and, despite her travels out of the United States, she always returns to her hometown, Jersey City.



PAST PRESIDENTS OF THE HBA-NJ

Margarita Echevarria, Esq. 1980-1981
Hon. Severiano Lisboa, III, J.S.C. 1981-1982
Hon. Hector E. De Soto, J.S.C. 1982-1983
Zulima V. Farber, Esq. 1983-1984
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Virginia Class-Matthews, Esq. 1987-1988
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Hon. Roberto Alcazar, J.S.C. (ret.) 1989-1990
Edwin Flores, Esq. 1990-1991
Daniel R. Guadalupe, Esq. 1991-1992
Aida L. Cabello, Esq. 1992-1993
Hon. Estela M. de la Cruz, J.S.C. 1993-1994
Rafael Perez, Esq. 1994-1995
Hon. Jose L. Linares, U.S.D.J. (ret.) 1995-1996
Hon. Lourdes I. Santiago, J.S.C. (ret.) 1996-1997
Marco A. Gonzalez, Esq. 1997-1998
Ramon de la Cruz, Esq. 1998-1999
Maritza Berdote Byrne, Esq. 1999-2000
Illeana Montes, Esq. 2000-2001
Hon. Esther Salas, U.S.D.J. 2001-2002
Hon. Pedro Jimenez, J.S.C. 2002-2003
Carlos Ortiz, Esq. 2003-2004
Camelia M. Valdes, Esq. 2004-2005
Liza M. Lopez, Esq. 2005-2006
Ivette R. Alvarez, Esq. 2006-2007
Milagros Camacho, Esq. 2007-2008
George Rios, Esq. 2008-2009
Miguel Alexander Pozo, Esq. 2009-2010
Suzette T. Rodriguez, Esq. 2010-2011
Daniel Mateo, Esq. 2011-2012
Louis Acevedo, Esq. 2012-2013
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Carlos Bollar, Esq. 2015-2016
Arlene Quiñones Perez, Esq. 2016-2017
Hector D. Ruiz, Esq. 2017-2018
Julia A. Lopez, Esq. 2018-2019

HBA-NJ'S 39TH ANNUAL GALA SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Law Student Scholarship Recipients

Day Pitney Scholarship

Yara Calcano, American University Law School

Parker Ibrahim & Berg Scholarship

Juan Pablo Chavez, Rutgers University Law School-Newark

Hudson Court Reporting Scholarship

Natalie Diaz, Widener University Law School

Sterling National Bank

Secilia Flores, Seton Hall University School of Law

Reed Smith Scholarship

Madeline Gayle, Rutgers University Law School-Newark

Parker Ibrahim & Berg Scholarship

Cindy Guaman, Rutgers University Law School-Newark

Prudential Scholarship

Angelica Mercado, Seton Hall University School of Law

Stark & Stark Scholarship

Hazel Ortiz, Rutgers University Law School-Newark

Archer & Greiner Scholarship

Nina Rodriguez, Rutgers University Law School-Camden

Lowenstein Sandler Scholarship

Jose Ward, Rutgers University Law School-Newark

American Dream High School Pipeline Program Scholarship Recipients

Smolin Lupin Scholarship

Dora Nunez, Union City High School

Hill Wallack Scholarship

Lixangelys Ruiz, Passaic High School

HBA-NJ'S 39TH ANNUAL GALA SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS LAW SCHOOL STUDENT BIOGRAPHIES



Yara Calcagno is a 3L at American University Washington College of Law in Washington, D.C. She grew up in Jersey City, NJ and is a first-generation college graduate and first in her family to attend law school. In 2013, she graduated *cum laude* and with Honors from Rutgers University, New Brunswick with a bachelor's degree in Cultural Anthropology. Yara has interned at the Center for Justice and International Law, the Office of the D.C. Long-Term Care Ombudsman at AARP, the International Law Commission at the United Nations in Geneva, the Center for Reproductive Rights, and the Disability Rights Clinic. This year, she is the Vice President of the Latin American Law Student Association.



Juan Pablo Chavez is a 3L at Rutgers Law School. He currently serves as a Senior Editor with the Rutgers Journal of Law and Public Policy, and a criminal law teaching fellow for incoming 1L students. During his second year of law school, Juan Pablo also served as a student fellow with the Center for Immigration Law, Policy, and Justice. Juan Pablo earned his Bachelor's degree in Economics from Montclair State University.

HBA-NJ'S 39TH ANNUAL GALA SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS LAW SCHOOL STUDENT BIOGRAPHIES (cont'd)



Natalie Diaz is a 2L at Widener University, Delaware Law School and graduated from Seton Hall University *cum laude* with a degree in criminal justice. Natalie's father immigrated to the United States from the Dominican Republic at the age of 19. She is interested in civil rights law because she loves advocating for people in vulnerable positions and correcting injustices that have been brought upon them. She also volunteers at the New Hope Adolescent Unit where she provides emotional support and a listening ear through difficult times.



Secilia Flores is a 3L at Seton Hall Law School. Secilia grew up in Puebla, Mexico and came to the United States when she was fifteen years old. Secilia graduated from Rutgers University-Newark with a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice. In her third year at Rutgers, she had the opportunity to study at the University of Melbourne in Melbourne, Australia for one semester. During her free time, she loves to make flower arrangements.

HBA-NJ'S 39TH ANNUAL GALA SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS LAW SCHOOL STUDENT BIOGRAPHIES (cont'd)



Madeline Gayle is an evening student at Rutgers Law School. She is currently Editor-in-Chief of the Rutgers University Law Review (Newark). Madeline was elected as class representative of the Rutgers Student Bar Association for three years. Prior and during law school, Madeline worked as a paralegal manager in a New York City law firm that specializes in securities litigation, and also worked as a paralegal specialist for the U.S. Attorney's Office in the District of New Jersey.



Cindy Guaman is a 3L at Rutgers Law School in Newark, NJ. She was the past Vice President of Community Affairs of the Association of Latin American Law Students (ALALS) and President of the Immigrant Rights Collective. She is currently the Senior Notes and Commentary Editor at the newly established Rutgers International Law and Human Rights Journal. During law school, she interned with immigration nonprofits such as Make the Road NJ, KIND, and the Rutgers Deportation and Detention Defense Initiative. Upon graduation, Cindy hopes to join an immigration services nonprofit organization.

HBA-NJ'S 39TH ANNUAL GALA SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS LAW SCHOOL STUDENT BIOGRAPHIES (cont'd)



Angelica Mercado is a 4L in Seton Hall's dual Juris Doctor and Master's Degree program, earning her degrees in both law and diplomacy. She serves as a Center for Social Justice Scholar at Seton Hall Law, where she has worked on a number of public interest initiatives geared towards the representation of New Jersey's undocumented population. She served as the Co-President of Latin American Law Student Association and participates as a mentor in the Passaic City Pipeline Program. Prior to law school, Angelica graduated from George Washington University with a B.A. in International Relations and Latin American Studies. She is currently a Summer Associate at McGivney, Kluger, Clark & Intocchia, P.C. and, upon graduation, will be clerking for the Honorable John P. McDonald, J.S.C., in Somerset County.



Hazel Ortiz is a 3L at Rutgers Law School in Newark, NJ. Born and raised in Jersey City, NJ, Hazel is a first generation college student. She graduated from Rutgers-Newark with degrees in criminal justice and legal studies. During her undergraduate studies, she volunteered with the Court User Resource Center in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Hudson Vicinage. At Rutgers Law, Hazel served on the board of the Association of Latin American Law Students as a 2L representative. She also participates on the HNBA-Law Student Division executive board as the vice president for IP, Academic, and Corporate Opportunities. This fall Hazel is working in Rutgers Education and Health Law Clinic as a student attorney.

HBA-NJ'S 39TH ANNUAL GALA SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS LAW SCHOOL STUDENT BIOGRAPHIES (cont'd)



Nina Rodriguez is a 3L at Rutgers Law School in Camden, NJ. A lifelong New Jersey resident, she earned her undergraduate degree in Political Science and Spanish from Rider University. Nina is the former Vice President of Alianza and was recently named the first Latina Editor-in-Chief of the Rutgers University Law Review. This past summer, Nina worked as a summer associate at Capehart & Scatchard in Mt. Laurel, NJ. After graduating law school, Nina will serve as a judicial law clerk to the Honorable Kay Walcott-Henderson, J.S.C., in Trenton, NJ.



Jose Ward is a 3L at Rutgers Law School in Newark. Jose currently serves as Senior Articles Editor of the Rutgers Law Review. When he was two years old, Jose emigrated from Caracas, Venezuela to Queens, New York. He studied Economics, Finance and Accounting at the University of Hartford. Jose's first professional career was as a manager of a nationwide surety bond department for eight years. After graduating, Jose will serve as a judicial law clerk to the Honorable Garry S. Rothstadt at the New Jersey Superior Court, Appellate Division.

HBA-NJ'S 39TH ANNUAL GALA SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS AMERICAN DREAM HIGH SCHOOL PIPELINE PROGRAM STUDENT BIOGRAPHIES (cont'd)



Dora Nunez is the daughter of two Salvadoran immigrants, and has found her love for law, politics, and history from their continual support and encouragement. Without their constant library trips and countless words of advice, she would not be here. Dora has also been lucky that throughout her high school career she has found the help of mentors through the HBA. She is grateful for every helping hand that has come her way. With that, she hopes to make everyone proud and make it to law school. But first, she intends to get her undergraduate degree in Political Science from American University.



Lixangelys Ruiz was born and raised in Passaic, New Jersey. Her family immigrated to the United States from the Dominican Republic for new opportunities to achieve the American Dream. She graduated as the Salutatorian of Passaic Preparatory Academy in June 2020. Throughout her high school years, she participated in numerous clubs, including choir, the octagon club, student council, and mock trial. She served as the girls basketball club manager. From the inception of her high school career to graduation, she participated in the HBA-NJ's American Dream Pipeline Program. Lixangelys is currently a freshman at Montclair State University and plans to pursue a career in law. She plans to attend Rutgers Law School. Her dream career is to be a prosecutor and to pursue her interests in theatre.

HISPANIC BAR ASSOCIATION OF NEW JERSEY AMERICAN DREAM HIGH SCHOOL PIPELINE MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

During its 34th year, the Hispanic Bar Association of New Jersey (“HBA-NJ”) embarked on the American Dream Pipeline Program with the Passaic Public Schools.

Founded in 1980, the HBA-NJ is a 501 (c)(6) statewide organization comprised of attorneys, judges, law professors and law students who share a common interest in resolving the issues affecting Latinos within the legal community. The purpose of the Association is to serve the public interest by: (i) cultivating the art and science of jurisprudence, (ii) advancing the standing of the legal profession, and (iii) preserving high standards of integrity, honor, and professional courtesies among Latino lawyers.

The HBA-NJ believes that the judiciary and legal profession in the State of New Jersey and in this country should accurately reflect its citizenry. As such, the HBA-NJ’s *goal has always been to foster a more diverse legal landscape and to address the many issues that affect the Latino community in New Jersey.* We believe mentoring and inspiring young students is key to ensuring that diversity continues to exist in this profession.

As a result of the success of its initial program in 2013-2014, the HBA-NJ has continued its program with Passaic High School students and initiated the program in Union City High School during the 2015-2016 school year. Under the efforts of HBA-NJ Past-President Anna María Tejada (a former Passaic High School student herself) and several HBA-NJ Mentors, the mentees have received assistance with the college application process, learned about the legal system, the art of networking, and how to pursue a career in the law. Through lively conversation—with the mentees often asking challenging questions—the HBA-NJ mentors have been able to demystify the legal system and put some real-world insight into the “Law & Order” understanding most have of attorneys and the legal process. The program has featured monthly guest speakers who have addressed the practice of criminal, civil, and family law; the N.J. Dream Act; and the state and federal judicial systems. Additionally, the students have participated in field trips to the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey, the Annual Women’s Empowerment Leadership and the Law Conference, and the HBA-NJ’s Annual Scholarship Gala and Awards Dinners.

Purpose:

The American Dream Pipeline Program (“Pipeline Program”) was established in Passaic High School in 2013, and was expanded to Union City High School in 2015. The Pipeline Program’s main goals focused on providing students with exposure to the legal profession and guidance from attorney mentors sharing similar backgrounds and life experiences. The Pipeline Program is geared towards high school students (“mentees”) from urban communities, who come from families that immigrated to the United States and are most likely first generation college-bound students. The purpose of the Pipeline Program is to provide the mentees with opportunities to meet attorneys and other professionals who have come from similar circumstances and can provide guidance to the mentees as they navigate through high school and start their own college application process. Given the success of the programs in Passaic High School and Union City High School, the HBA-NJ has continued its programs for the benefit of the students from both high schools.

In Memoriam of Daniel Anderl
(July 13, 2000 -- July 19, 2020)



*What we have once enjoyed
deeply, we can never lose.
All that we love deeply
becomes a part of us.
- Helen Keller*

*So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be afraid, for I am your
God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my
victorious right hand. ~ Isaiah 41:10*



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*In Memoriam of Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg
Supreme Court of the United States*

Ruth Bader Ginsburg
1933–2020



“How can I describe the American dream? Maybe it’s captured by the first ride I took on New York subway, after returning from several months in Sweden, where everybody looked the same, and here I was on the subway, and the amazing diversity of the people of the United States. You know the motto is E pluribus unum - ‘Of many, one’ - and that’s the idea that, more than just tolerating, we can appreciate our differences and yet pull together for the long haul” ~ July 2016

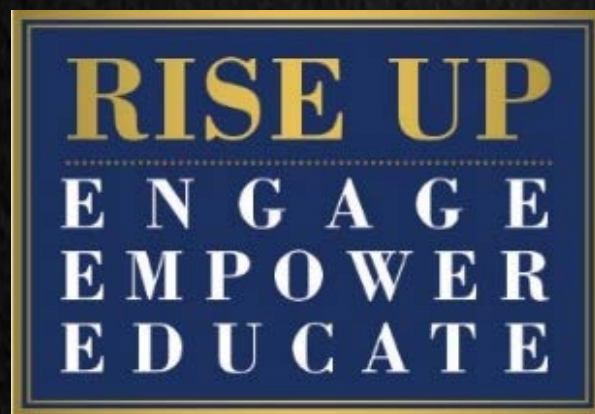


“Our system of justice is surely richer for the diversity of background and experience of its judges” ~ August 2006

“There is still work to be done.” ~ September 2017



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HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE HBA-NJ'S 40TH ANNUAL INSTALLATION & SWEARING-IN CEREMONY

On October 22, 2019, the HBA-NJ held its 40th Annual Installation and Swearing-In Ceremony at the Pleasantdale Chateau in West Orange, New Jersey. The Honorable Michael Shipp, U.S.D.J. installed President Melinda Colon Cox and the 2019-2020 Officers and Trustees.



HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE HBA-NJ'S 40TH ANNUAL INSTALLATION & SWEARING-IN CEREMONY (cont'd)



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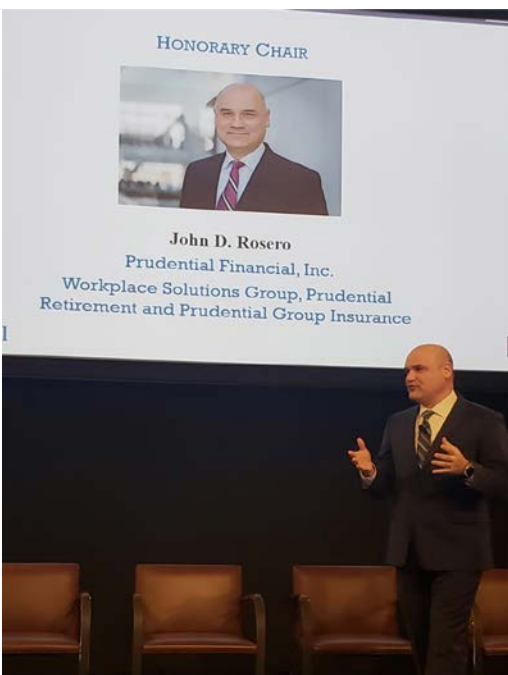


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HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE HBA-NJ'S 10th ANNUAL CORPORATE COUNSEL CONFERENCE

On February 5, 2020, the HBA-NJ held its 10th Annual Corporate Counsel Conference, hosted by Amigo Sponsor Prudential at Prudential. The conference featured seminars on the latest topics affecting the practice of corporate law and a networking lunch



HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE HBA-NJ'S 10th ANNUAL CORPORATE COUNSEL CONFERENCE (cont'd)



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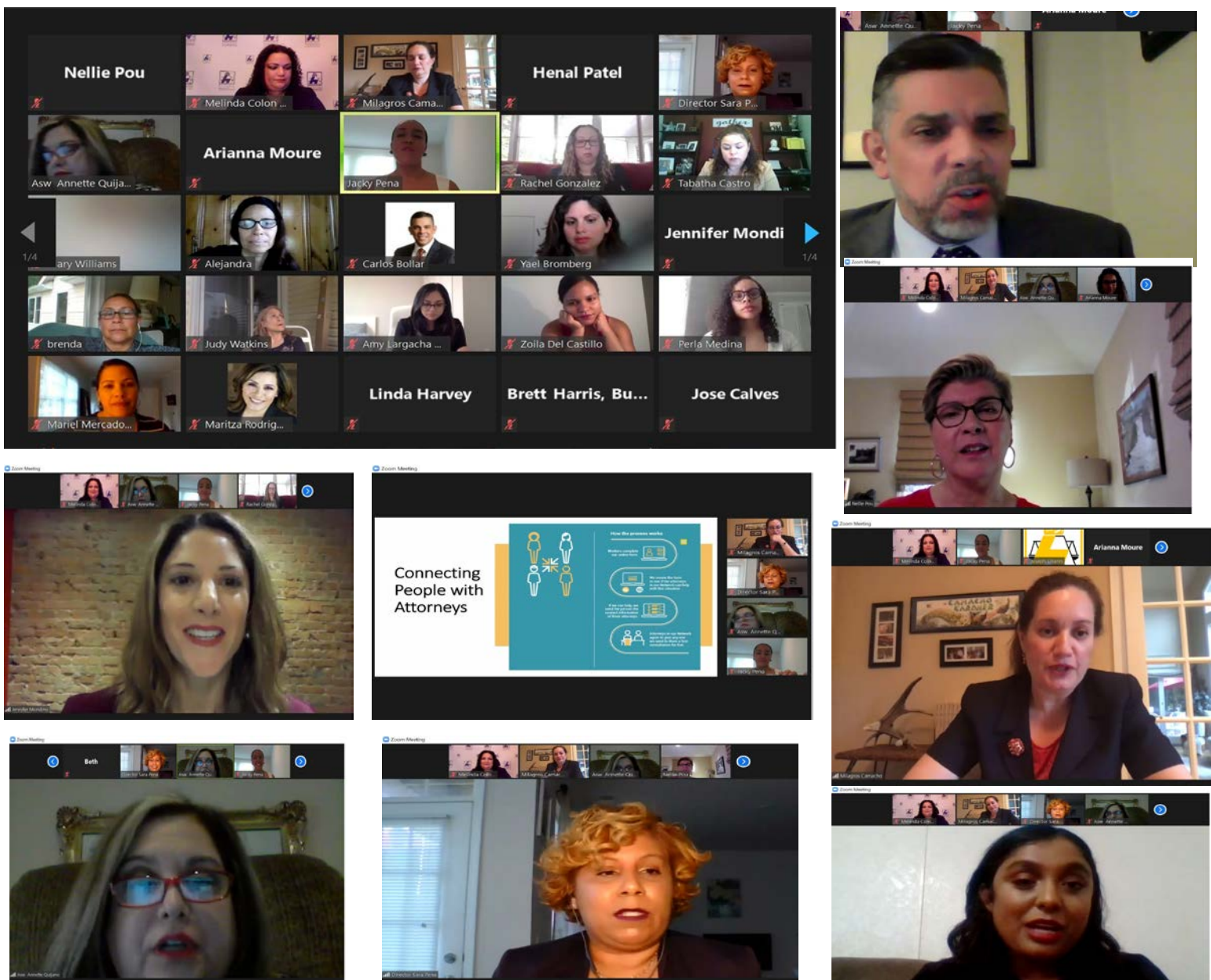


HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE HBA-NJ'S 2020 WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT LEADERSHIP AND LAW CONFERENCE - SESSION 1

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the HBA-NJ held its 2020 Annual Women's Empowerment Leadership & Law Conference virtually in two sessions on June 25, 2020 and July 2, 2020. The title for this year's W.E.L.L. Conference was *Rise Up & Be Counted: Celebrating Our Past & Empowering Our Future*.

Session 1 - Lifting Our Voices - Importance of 2020 Elections, 2020 Census & Gender Equity

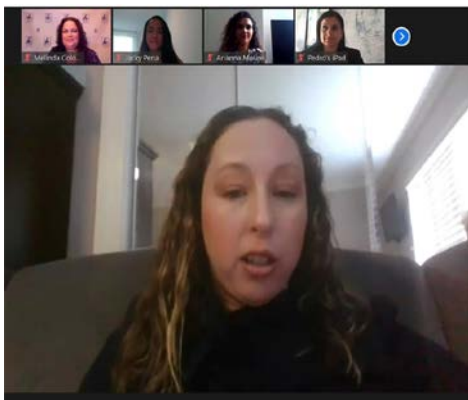
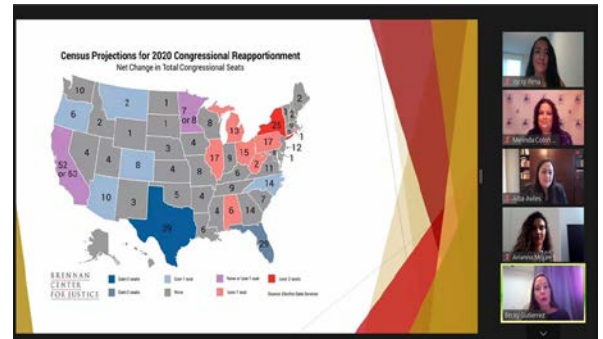
During Session 1, women leaders discussed the importance of women being involved in politics, including but not limited to voting and being counted in the 2020 Census. A special presentation on Preparedness and from the National Women's Law Center's TIME'S Up Legal Defense Fund also was provided.



HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE HBA-NJ'S 2020 WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT LEADERSHIP AND LAW CONFERENCE - SESSION 2

Session 2 - Blazing Trails - Succeeding & Staying On Top

Session 2 of the W.E.L.L. Conference included a panel discussion on how to succeed as a Latina attorney, including candid advice and guidance on how to become a leader in the law and how to be your best advocate. Attendees also heard a presentation about the **2020 Census - A Complete Count Matters**.



HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE HBA-NJ'S 2020 WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT LEADERSHIP AND LAW CONFERENCE - SESSION 2 (cont'd)

A Celebration of the Women's Right to Vote Centennial

During Session 2 of the W.E.L.L. Conference, Keynote Speaker, U.S. Congresswoman Bonnie M. Watson Coleman, United States House of Representatives for New Jersey's 12th Congressional District, continued the powerful discussion regarding the importance of the involvement and leadership of women-of-color in politics, in the legal profession, and in our general communities, the history of women's right to vote and women in politics, and the importance of sisterhood and women empowering women.



HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE HBA-NJ'S INAUGURAL FINANCIAL AWARENESS & COMMUNITY TRAINING SEMINAR (F.A.C.T.S.) CONFERENCE - SESSION 1

The Inaugural F.A.C.T.S Conference took place during a span of three days on consecutive weeks in August. The HBA-NJ launched this initiative in order to provide our members and the community with programming that focused on financial wellness, building wealth, supporting small community businesses, and long-term life planning.

Session 1 - Rising Up After COVID-19 - Empowering Our Local Businesses & Communities

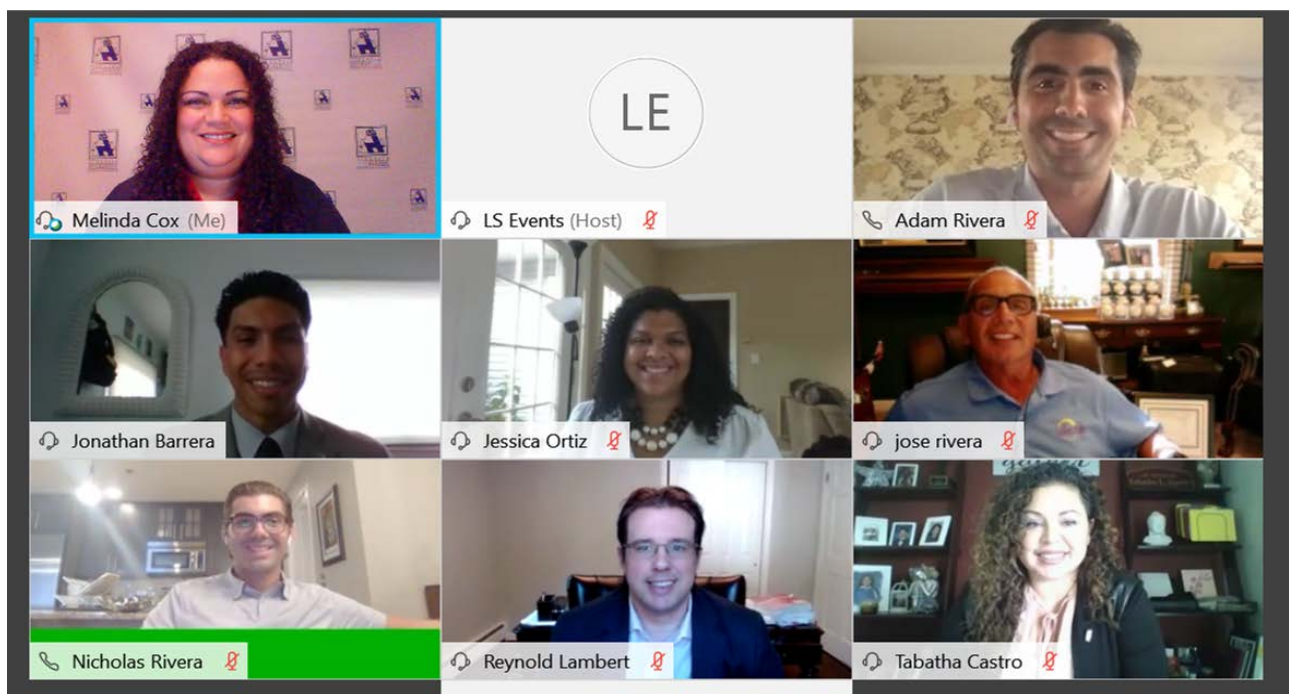
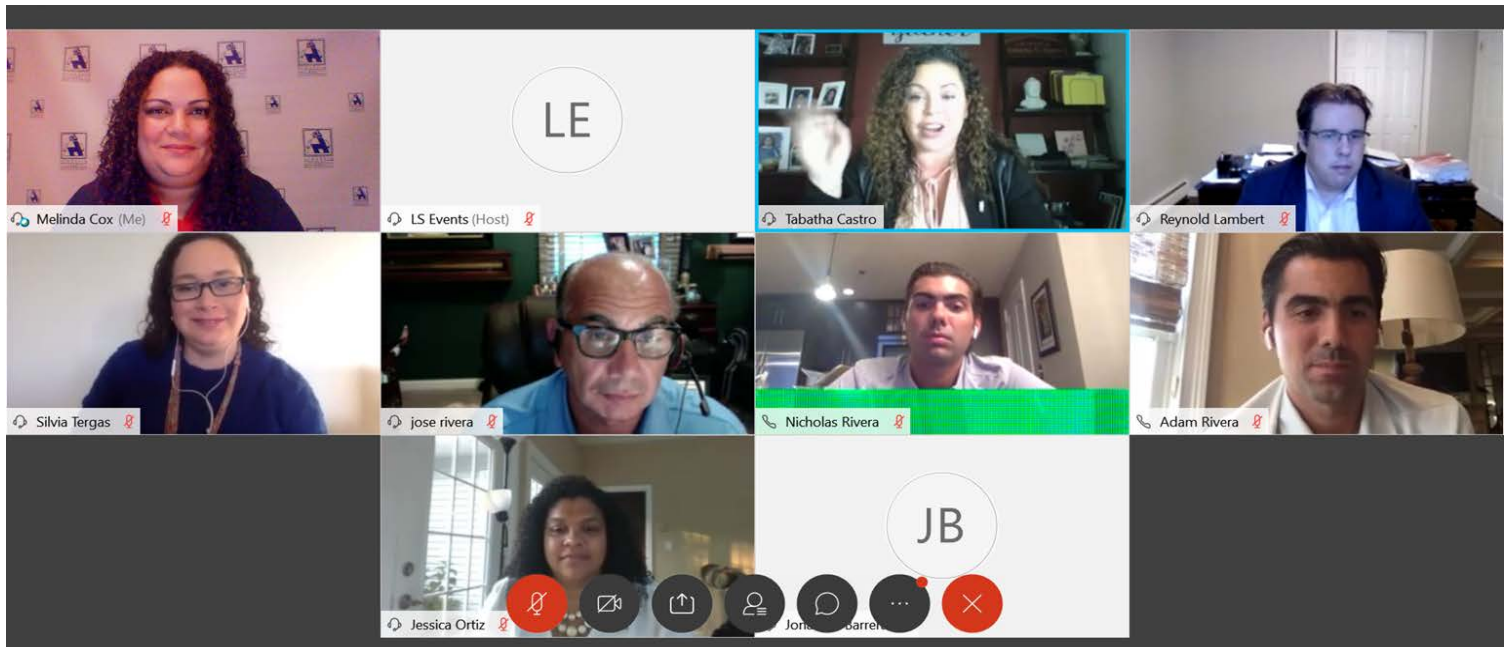
This first session of F.A.C.T.S. focused on local businesses and communities. The speakers provided information regarding consumer banking, during and post-COVID-19, mortgage assistance programs, small business loans during COVID, and tax considerations and benefits.



HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE HBA-NJ'S INAUGURAL FINANCIAL AWARENESS & COMMUNITY TRAINING SEMINAR (F.A.C.T.S.) CONFERENCE - SESSION 2

Session 2 - Building Our Wealth - Long-Term Financial Planning for Professionals.

The second session of the F.A.C.T.S. Conference was held on August 19, and focused on Long-Term Financial Planning for Professionals. The topics discussed included an overview of the financial market during the pandemic, financial planning overview (providing tips, advice, and guidance on creating a personal roadmap), planning and investing, and Trust & Estates.



HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE HBA-NJ'S INAUGURAL FINANCIAL AWARENESS & COMMUNITY TRAINING SEMINAR (F.A.C.T.S.)

CONFERENCE - SESSION 3

Session 3 - Solidifying Our Future - How Law Students Can Rebound From COVID-19

The final session of the F.A.C.T.S. Conference took place on August 26th. Speakers provided information that focused on recent law school graduates, current law students, and young lawyers, and how they could rebound from COVID-19. The panelists discussed topics such as financial planning, handling debt, creating wealth at a young age, and on the steps that can help you pay off your student loans in a short period of time.



HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE HBA-NJ'S YOUNG LAWYERS COMMITTEE 2019-2020 EVENTS

The HBA-NJ's Young Lawyers Committee supports, nurtures and encourages the growth, development and education of the Hispanic community in New Jersey by engaging in public and community services, reaching out to our Hispanic youth, and pursuing legal and social reform in legislative policies that impact our community.

On November 16, 2019, the HBA-NJ YLC's Sandwich Drive broke the record of the amount of sandwiches made and the amount of people that volunteered. With the help of more than 150 volunteers we surpassed our 3,500 sandwich goal and made 4,427 sandwiches that were then donated to 13 different shelters across New Jersey.



HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE HBA-NJ'S YOUNG LAWYERS COMMITTEE 2019-2020 EVENTS

At the HBA-NJ YLC's Holiday Mixer guests came together to enjoy good food, tasty drinks, and the great company of an array of professionals. We also received a large amount of donated toys and donated funds to be given to underprivileged children throughout New Jersey.



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The HBA-NJ's YLC held its 11th Annual Volunteer Day at the Community Food Bank of New Jersey in Hillside, New Jersey on December 14, 2019. During this event, volunteers assisted with the packaging and organization of donated goods, which was then distributed to families in need throughout New Jersey.



On June 18, 2020, HBA-NJ YLC celebrated with the Class of 2020 during a Virtual Celebration & Happy Hour! In this event, students heard candid and honest words of wisdom from distinguished members of the bench, as well as several leaders from the HBA-NJ, the HNBA, Rutgers Law School and Seton Hall Law School.



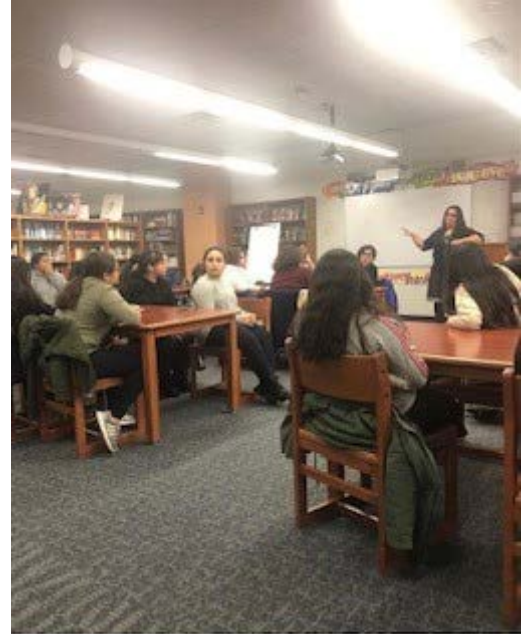
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HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE HBA-NJ'S AMERICAN DREAM PIPELINE PROGRAM (UNION CITY HIGH SCHOOL)



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Join the HBA-NJ's Young Lawyers Committee for our
ANNUAL CHARITABLE SANDWICH DRIVE

November 16, 2019 at 11AM

Seton Hall Law School
1109 Raymond Blvd, Newark, NJ 07102
Please join us as we volunteer to make sandwiches to donate to local area shelters and soup kitchens.

All volunteers are asked to bring one bread item, one sliced deli meat or cheese item, and one paper good item with them on the day of the event.

Suggested Food & Paper Goods:
Sandwich bread - PB&J - Sliced deli meat/cheese - Individually packed snacks - Chips - Cookies - Plates - Bowls - Utensils - Paper Towels - Napkins - Sandwich bags - Cups

RSVP at hbanj.org or hbanjyle@gmail.com by Nov. 9, and note the items you plan on bringing.




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December 14, 2019 | 9 AM - 11 AM

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(Part 1 - June 25, 2020 at 6:00 pm via Zoom)

Panel Discussion: Lifting Our Voices - Importance of 2020 Elections, 2020 Census & Gender Equity

Panelists:
Yael Bromberg, Chief Counsel, Voting Rights, Andrew Goodman Foundation
Milagros Camacho, Partner, Camacho Gardner & Associates, L.L.P.
Henal Patel, Director, Democracy & Justice Program, NJ Institute of Social Justice
Sara Peña, Director, Center for Hispanic Policy, Research & Devel., NJ Dept. of State
Senator Nellie Pou, NJ Legislative District 35, Latino Caucus Chair
Assemblywoman Annette Quijano, NJ Legislative District 20, Deputy Majority Leader

Additional Featured Speakers & Discussions:
How to be Prepared for a State of Emergency, Such as the Pandemic
Assemblywoman Annette Quijano, NJ Legislative District 20, Deputy Majority Leader

National Women's Law Center - TIME'S UP
Jennifer Mondino, Senior Counsel, TIME'S UP Legal Defense Fund & Legal Network for Gender Equity, National Women's Law Center

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Clara Jimenez, Senior Counsel, Johnson & Johnson
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Hon. Camelia M. Valdes, Passaic County Prosecutor

Presentation: 2020 Census - Your Count Matters
Sylvia-Rebecca Gutiérrez, Associate, Gibbons, P.C.

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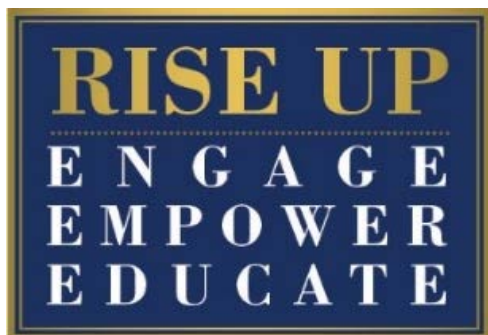


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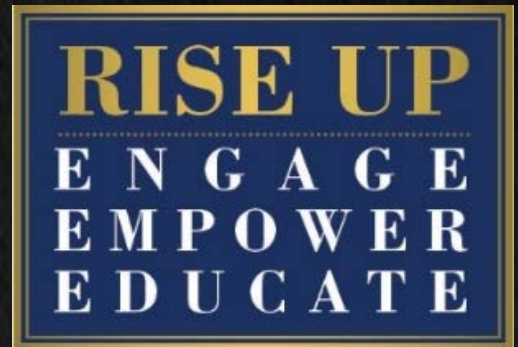


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