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Dear DBA Family and Friends!

December 31, 2017

It has been an honor and privilege to serve as your President this past year. I am extremely proud of The DBA and look forward to seeing the success it will continue to achieve under the leadership of 2018 President Miguelina Camilo and The DBA Board.

In addition to wonderful partnerships and a highly successful and sold-out [14<sup>th</sup> Annual Scholarship Gala](#), below are some highlights from this [past year](#):

- At the 2017 Swearing-In Ceremony, The DBA was honored to receive opening remarks by the Hon. Rolando T. Acosta (Presiding Justice of the First Department and DBA founding member); Congressman Adriano Espaillat (U.S. Representative for New York's 13th congressional district and the first Dominican to serve in Congress); and the Hon. Sallie Manzanet-Daniels (Associate Justice, First Department). For event page, click [here](#).
- In celebration of Dominican Heritage Month and our Dominican judiciary, The DBA presented its *Celebrating Dominican Judges* panel and reception event and created its inaugural *Dominican Judiciary Journal* – which will now be published bi-annually. (Event page [here](#) and latest journal [here](#)).
- Through The DBA's award-winning *Let Chat*<sup>1</sup> series, The DBA celebrated Women's History Month with New York City Public Advocate Letitia James (Event page [here](#)); presented a dynamic panel of powerful and inspirational Latinas in Government (Event page [here](#)); and celebrated Pride Month with The DBA's first Pride Month event (Event page [here](#)).
- Continued its signature events and programs, including *Tamarindo Nights*, The DBA HS Law Day Program, and community legal workshops.
- The DBA continued to successfully increase membership and proudly presented its members with The DBA's first commemorative membership pin as well as launched two new membership levels for Lifetime members and non-attorneys. Fulfill Your NYE Resolution TODAY and Join/Renew [here](#)!
- Revamped all The DBA committees, including creation of The DBA's first Women's Committee: *Las Mariposas* – dedicated to providing Latina women with a community of mentoring and leadership development. Join a [DBA Committee](#) Today!

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<sup>1</sup> The DBA's *Let's Chat* series was recognized by the New York State Bar Association with the 2017 "Bar Leaders Innovation Award."



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The above was made possible due to the hard work and support of our entire DBA family. I want to personally extend a big thank you to the 2017 DBA Board members and Committee chairs for their contributions; our wonderful volunteers; all of our amazing speakers; and our generous Gala and event sponsors. I also would like to thank my friends and mentors for their genuine encouragement and guidance, but most of all, thank you to my two sons, Avery and Anderson, for allowing mommy to serve her community.

Last but not least, I want to encourage everyone to support The DBA and join or renew your DBA membership today, remain actively engaged in The DBA and its committees, sign up for future DBA volunteer and mentorship opportunities, and take advantage of The DBA's great programming and events.

Thank you again for the opportunity to lead this great organization - Look forward to seeing you at future DBA events!

Sincerely,



Vianny M. Pichardo, Esq.  
*2017 DBA President*

*Please visit The DBA website for more information and upcoming events.*

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