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Dear DBA Family and Friends!

It has been an honor to serve as your President this past year. After serving on the board as director for two years, then President-Elect and finally as President this past year, I am grateful to see first hand how far The DBA has come and I look forward to continued success for The DBA under the leadership of 2019 President Marbel L. Munoz and The DBA Board.

Our gala this year was a special commemoration to our legacy, Quince Anos Despues, where we reflected on our wonderful fifteen years of giving back to our community through scholarships, mentorship, and partnership. Throughout this year we had many highlights:

- Our Swearing In of Board of Directors and Officers at Southern District of New York where we had the honor of being sworn in by Bronx County Civil Judge Bianka Perez.
- Our kick off Let's Chat event with Presiding Justice The Honorable Rolando T. Acosta. The DBA Law Student Committee hosted a candid discussion with Judge Acosta, the highest-ranking Dominican jurist and one of the founders of The Dominican Bar Association.
- The DBA's award winning Let's Chat Panel hosted its annual Latinas in Government event at Morrison Foerster where the Women's Committee: Las Mariposas hosted a discussion among notable panelists including Passaic County Prosecutor Camelia M. Valdes, the first lead prosecutor of Dominican ancestry in the United States.
- The DBA took part in community events including the kickoff event for a new network Dominican Americans of New York Professionals (DANYP) and marched in the Dominican Day Parade.
- The DBA continued its strong support of other bar associations through co-

sponsoring a Wellness Day with HALANY, PRBA, and MBBA as well as partnering for the 9th Annual Joint Latino Bar along with HNBA Region II, Puerto Rican Bar Association, Long Island Hispanic Bar Association, Hispanic Bar Association of New Jersey, HNBA Region III, Latino Lawyers of Queens County, Latino Judges Association, and Connecticut Hispanic Bar Association.

We also continued this year key programming such as our Community Workshops in strong collaboration with Centro Civico Cultural Dominicano and High School Law Days through the boroughs. We partnered with fellow associations who share the same goals of promoting the Latino community. Most importantly, we sought to serve as mentors for our future generations and our young lawyers.

I have no doubt we will see great growth for The DBA as it is led this year by our youngest board in the organization's history. Lastly, 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.

Gracias a todos!



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2018 DBA President