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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

elcome to the *11th Annual Dominican Bar Association Scholarship Dinner*. This year we are proud to honor Maritza Mejia-Ming, Chief

of the Immigrant Fraud Unit at the Kings County District Attorney's Office; Lisette Camilo City Chief Procurement Officer & Director of Contract Services at the New York City Office of the Mayor; and Marilu Galvan, Director of Centro Civico Cultural Dominicano, Inc. We are also delighted to grant scholarships to two well-deserving law students, Rosemary Almonte and Sharly Larios. Thank you for joining us as we celebrate their achievements.

The honorees have diverse careers. But, common among them are achievements indicative of hard work and commitment. Through their efforts and successes, our honorees have As the President of this organization, I am very proud of our growth this year. Our membership numbers have grown exponentially, we have reestablished



President H. Benjamin Perez, Esq.

helped empower and strengthen the Latino community. In addition, they have achieved a level of success that motivates, inspires, and encourages our young and aspiring legal professionals. This year's honorees are role models, and the Latino community should be extremely proud. Similarly, our student scholarship winners are success stories in their own right. Not only do both recipients exhibit a record of academic excellence, but they have demonstrated a commitment to their community. our presence in the legal community, increased our profile, and strengthened our infrastructure. In addition, we have built relationships with greatly respected sponsors and donors, whose generosity this year has made this wonderful event possible. On behalf of the entire organization, I want to thank our sponsors and donors for their financial support. I hope we can continue working together in the years to come to host this event and other mutually beneficial programs.

To our members and guests, I thank you for joining us and showing your support. We look forward to your continued participation and involvement.

Finally, I want to give special thanks to the board of directors and dinner committee members for all of their efforts in making this year, and particularly this event, a great success.

Sincerely,

H. Benjamin Perez, President



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THE DOMINICAN BAR ASSOCIATION (DBA)

is an incorporated, non-profit, national association representing the interests of Dominican-American, native Dominican and Latino attorneys, judges, law professors, and law students in the United States and the Dominican Republic. Founded in New York City in 1990 as The American Society of Dominican Attorneys, DBA has grown to represent thousands of Latino attorneys and law students across the country.

The DBA invites all Latino attorneys as well as others within the profession who subscribe to the goals and philosophy of DBA to become members.

DBA'S MISSION STATEMENT:

To increase professional opportunities for Dominican-American, native Dominican and Latino attorneys in the U.S. legal profession;

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To assist in the recruitment and retention of Dominicans and Latinos in U.S. law schools and provide students with mentoring, scholarships and other assistance;

To partner with other bar associations, governmental agencies and community groups to foster greater participation in the U.S. legal system by the Dominican and Latino communities;

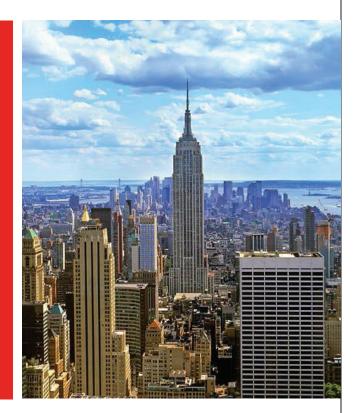
To address Issues of concern to the Dominican and Latino communities in the U.S.;

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HONOREE LISETTE CAMILO CITY CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICER & DIRECTOR OF CONTRACT SERVICES, NEW YORK CITY OFFICE OF THE MAYOR



Lisette Camilo



A graduate of George Washington University School of Law, *Lisette Camilo* began her legal career at Unite Here, Local 100, a union which represents hotel, restaurant and commercial cafeteria food service workers in the New York area, where, for almost three years, she served as the union's General Counsel. As general Counsel for Local 100, Ms. Camilo was involved in the litigation matters concerning contract violations and employee discipline.

In 2005, she became an associate at Pollack, Pollack, Isaac and DeCicco, where she practiced immigration law. Thereafter, Ms. Camilo took a position with the New York City Council, where as Legislative Counsel for the Contracts, Juvenile Justice, and General Welfare Committees, where she drafted legislation and coordinated oversight hearings. In 2011, Ms. Camilo took a position with the New York City Mayor's Office of Contract Services (MOCS), where she quickly rose through the ranks, first as an attorney in the legal unit, then to MOCS' Acting General Counsel, and in April 2014, she was appointed as Director of MOCS and City Chief Procurement Officer by Mayor Bill de Blasio.

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Maritza A. Ming



A graduate of Fordham Law School, *Martiza Mejia-Ming*, began her legal career at the Kings County District Attorney's Office (KCDAO), where as a career prosecutor, she has had nothing short of a meteoric rise. Ms. Mejia-Ming joined the KCDAO upon her graduation from law school in 1997. During her tenure at the KCDAO, Ms. Mejia-Ming has served in Criminal Court, the Domestic Violence, Grand Jury and Investigations Bureaus. Most recently, Ming was the First Deputy Bureau Chief in the Early Case Assessment Bureau. In 2014, Kenneth P. Thompson, the new elected Kings County District Attorney appointed Ms. Mejia-Ming as Chief of the District Attorney's new Immigrant Fraud Unit.

The Immigrant Fraud Unit is a newly created unit whose goal to address crimes committed against immigrants, many of whom are especially vulnerable to fraud - particularly in the areas of employment, housing and the procurement of proper immigration documents. The Immigrant Fraud Unit will investigate and prosecute criminal schemes targeting immigrant communities and offer education and appropriate recourse to victims. Ms. Mejia-Ming was born in the Dominican Republic and immigrated here with her family in 1972.





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Marilu Maria D. Galvan



graduate of Brooklyn Law School, Marilu Galvan has devoted almost her entire career to education as well as aiding and empowering the Dominican community here in New York City. Prior to and after graduating law school in 1989, she has taught at virtually all levels of the city's education system, most recently as adjunct professor at John Jay College of Criminal Justice. Besides her vast teaching experience, during her tenure as an educator, Mrs. Galvan was also employed in an administrative capacity; serving as an assistant principal at several of New York City's public schools. Currently, Mrs. Galvan is the Director of the Centro Civico Cultural Dominicano, a nonprofit organization founded in 1962, whose goals are to enrich and empower young adults by demanding that they play a more active role in the empowerment of the Dominican and Hispanic community. Mrs. Galvan has also served on countless civic, cultural and charitable organizations, including the Dominican Women's Coalition, the National Organization For Women, the New York State Governor's Dominican Advisory Committee and the Highbridge Lioness Club. Born in the Dominican Republic, Mrs. Galvan immigrated to the United States with her parents in 1959. か

Doctor in Jurisprudence, Brooklyn Law School, 1989: instrumental in organizing and maintaining multiple professional, civic, cultural and charitable organizations, among them, CCCD, Dominican Women's Coalition 2012, NOW (National Organization For Women), Dominican Bar Association, New York State Governor's Dominican Advisory Committee, 1992, Highbridge Lioness Club , Pres:. 1989 Lioness District 20R2- New York-Bermuda, Pres. 1990, Dominican Parade, 1984, National Latinas Caucus, Inc., City College Dominican Students Association, 1971, Asociaciones Dominicanas, Inc., Asociacion de Profesionales Dominicanos, Club Juan Pablo Duarte(Instituto Duartiano)1968, and others.

Awards/Recognitions: The 10th Dominican Women Writers Fair, dedicated to four Dominican women and Dr. Galvan was one of them, April 2013; Community Leader, Dom. Medical Association, April 2011; Cien Lideres Dom en New York, March 2011; Community Service, Asociacion Padre Billini, Queens, 2006; Community Service, Dominican Cultural Ass. of Yonkers, 2005; Melvin Jones Felow, 1991; Orden de Merito Duarte Sanchez y Mella en Grado de Caballero, Dom. Rep. Gov. 1990; Valores Dominicanos,1989; Whos'Who Honor Medal, 1987; Personalities of America, 1987; Who's Who of American Women, 1986; CCCD, pres 1985; Outstanding Young Women of America, 1982; International Fair Chair 1982 and others.



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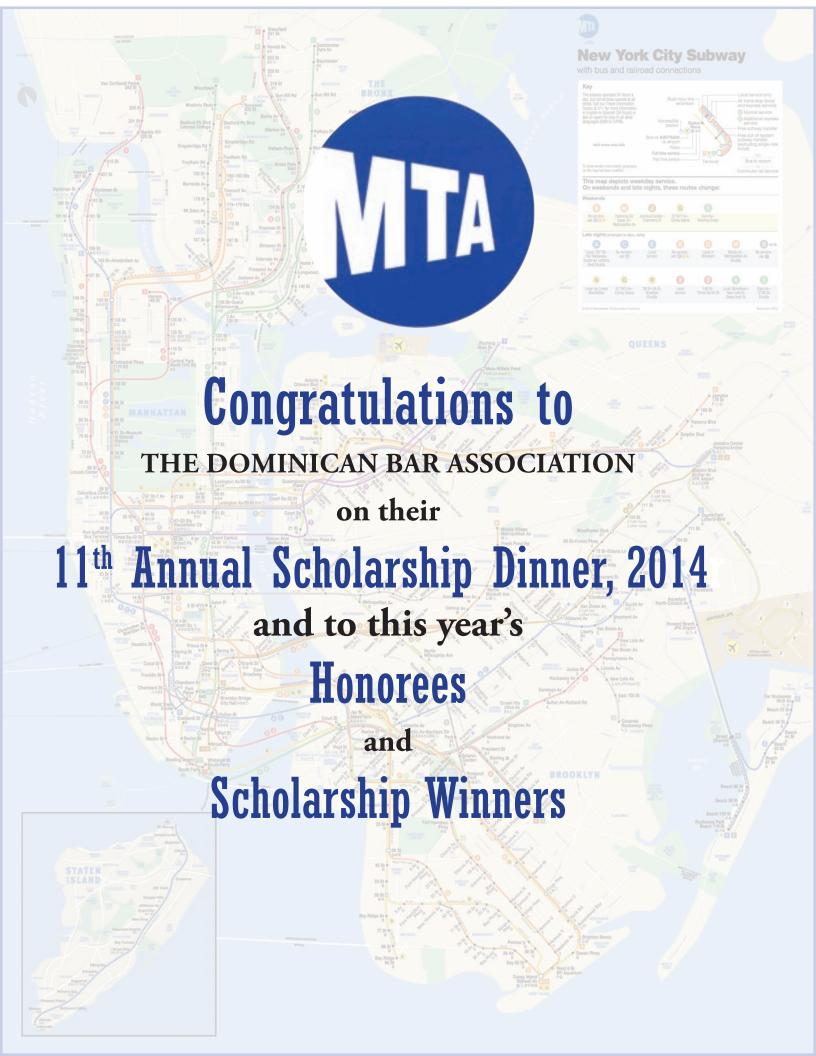
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Sharly Larios



School of Law where she is the Notes and Comments Editor for two journals, including the Journal of International and Comparative Law and the New York International Law Review. She is currently the President of her law school's Latin American Law Students Association, the Secretary of the Multilingual Legal Advocates, and the Logistics Committee Member of Metro LALSA. She has also been the recipient of the New York City Bar Diversity Fellowship and the Latino Lawyers of Queens County Scholarship. Ms. Larios graduated magna cum laude from Hunter College in June 2011, where she majored in English and minored in Sociology.

Outside of the classroom, Ms. Larios was a summer associate for the prior two summers at Bryan Cave LLP where she worked primarily in the commercial litigation and real estate departments. She has participated extensively in Street Law En Español where she has presented in Spanish on various legal topics including issues in landlord tenant rights, family law, and stop and frisk encounters with the NYPD. か

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Rosemary Almonte



Currently, *Rosemary Almonte* is a first-year student at CUNY School of Law. She currently serves as a 1L Class Representative and sits on the Curriculum Committee as a student member. She is interested in exploring criminal justice and immigration in addition to employment law.

Rosemary was born in Santo Domingo and immigrated to New York at the age of five. After graduating from John F. Kennedy High School in the Bronx, she attended Columbia College, where she worked with Dominican and Haitian women on organizing a conference about Haitian-Dominican relations. After college, she worked at Outten & Golden LLP as a litigation paralegal, where she helped attorneys litigate class actions on behalf of workers, from low-wage restaurant workers to unpaid interns.

Concurrent with her work at Outten & Golden, Rosemary also volunteered with Minds Matter, where she mentored a Dominican high school student who is now attending Colby College with a full scholarship from the Posse Foundation. She also volunteered with Make the Road New York to assist undocumented youth in applying for Deferred Action for Child Arrivals, and more recently participated in a NALEO Citizenship Drive at Hostos Community College. In

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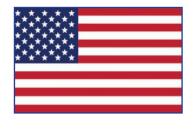


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