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**THE DOMINICAN
BAR ASSOCIATION
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Gala

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Tuesday, September 25, 2018

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HIMNO NACIONAL DOMINICANO (Dominican National Anthem)

Quisqueyanos valientes alcemos
nuestro canto con viva emoción
y del mundo a las faz ostentemos
nuestro invicto glorioso pendon

Salve el pueblo que intrépido y fuerte
a la guerra a morir se lanzó
cuando en bélico reto de muerte
sus cadenas de esclavo rompió
Ningún pueblo ser libre merece
si es esclavo, indolente y servil,
si en su pecho la llama no crece
que templó el heroismo viril

Mas Quisqueya, la indómita y brava
siempre altiva la frente alzará
que si fuere mil veces esclava
otras tantas ser libre sabrá!





QUIENES SOMOS

The Dominican Bar Association (The DBA)

is an incorporated, non-profit, association which seeks to assist, support and elevate Dominican American, native Dominican and Latino attorneys, judges, law professors, and law students in the United States and the Dominican Republic.

Formally founded in New York City in the 1990's as The American Society of Dominican Attorneys, The DBA has grown exponentially and encourages all Latino attorneys, as well as others within the profession, who subscribe to the goals and philosophy of The DBA to become members.

Our Mission

Among The Dominican Bar Association's many purposes are some of the following:

To support and assist members of the legal profession, specifically Latino attorneys and law students, particularly attorneys and law students of Dominican ancestry, in elevation to higher posts in all facets of influence.

To support and assist members of the legal profession who are interested and committed to improving the Latino community, specifically, the Dominican community and the Dominican legal community.

To encourage potential law students of Dominican ancestry to strive for the betterment of their individual lives and pursue a profession, preferably in the pursuit of a law degree, and to provide assistance to such students after their admission to law schools.

To support Latino jurists, and specifically Dominican jurists, to act as positive role models for our young people in and out of schools.

To encourage, advise and assist graduates of law schools of the Dominican Republic in their attempts to gain admission to the Bar of a state or states of the United States of America.

To improve public understanding of the function and importance of Latino lawyers, and more specifically, Dominican lawyers and to encourage respect thereof.

To aid the Latino community generally, and in particular, to aid the progress of Dominicans and other minorities.



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to volunteer or learn of future opportunities.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear DBA Family and Friends:

It has been an honor to serve as your President for the 2018 year. Tonight, as we celebrate 15 years of scholarship, I am reminded of the great accomplishments The Dominican Bar Association and its previous boards have achieved over the years. As a relatively young association, one of my goals as President was to ensure that our members have a seat at the table and that our needs and those of our community are being addressed. We have made huge strides in achieving this goal and continue to fulfill our mission to make The DBA a key part of the conversation for change and progress in our legal profession. But this mission is far from over - We are just getting started. In the meantime, The DBA will continue to serve as example in showing the strength of our members and the power of the Dominican community.



President, Miguelina M. Camilo

This year, we continued to grow The DBA's key programming throughout the boroughs and continued to partner with fellow associations who share the same goals of promoting and engaging the Latino community in various ways. The DBA's key programs, such as our community legal workshops, our Let's Chat panels, and High School Law Days, allow us to be engaged in the community by providing workshops on important issues such as the criminal justice system and landlord tenant rights, hear from leaders in the legal profession as they share their stories, and serve as mentors for our future generations. As President, I want to bring special attention to our young lawyers - our future leaders in the making - every day I was impressed by their desire to be involved and make their mark early. I know they will make our community proud and The DBA will be there to support them.

Tonight we look back to at some of our past scholarship recipients and I am very happy that

many have come back to the organization as board members, committee chairs, and active members. We also celebrate our new scholarship winners and call on them to continue our mission of strengthening the Dominican community.

I want to give a special congratulations to our honorees tonight: Anna María Tejada, Partner Kaufman Dolowich Voluck LLP; Angela Fernandez, Executive Director Northern Manhattan Coalition for Immigrant Rights; and Eddie Cuesta, Executive Director of DominicanosUSA. Each has demonstrated a dedicated commitment to the goals and missions of The DBA - to promote the advancement of Latinos within the legal community and empower the Latino community at large. We are honored to celebrate them this evening along with our scholarship recipients - all made possible by the generous support of our Gala sponsors and all of you here tonight in celebration.

Lastly, I want to thank my family who planted in me the seeds of appreciation for our Dominican culture and who taught me that education and hard work are the key to obtaining anything you want in life. I also must thank the entire Board for their work this year and special mention to our immediate past President Vianny Pichardo whose support and dedication knows no bounds.

Thank you all for joining us at our Fifteenth Annual Scholarship Gala.

Yours Truly,

Miguelina Camilo

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Wednesday, October 3, 2018

A Discussion with NYC's Top Latino(a) Leaders in the
Legal Profession at Kasowitz Benson Torres, LLP in co-sponsorship with
La Unidad Latina Lambda Upsilon Lambda

Wednesday, October 9, 2018

Hispanic Heritage Event at Sidley Austin

Thursday, November 1, 2018

General Elections for 2019 DBA Board at Anderson Kill

Monday, December 10, 2018

Tamarindo Nights End of the Year Event at New York Law School

Tuesday, January 15, 2019

Swearing In of 2019 Board
Southern District of New York

Tuesday, September 17, 2019

16th Annual DBA Scholarship Gala
Battery Gardens, New York

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Gala Program

WELCOME REMARKS

Introduction by Vianny M. Pichardo, DBA Immediate Past President

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Acting Justice of Supreme Court, Mistress of Ceremonies

PRESENTATION OF STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

Introduction by Elsa Martí Hampton,

DBA Board Member, Chair of Scholarship Committee, and DBA Past President

ARIANNA BELTREZ

SHABEL CASTRO

KASSANDRA IRIZARRY

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS TO HONOREES

Introduction by Marbel Muñoz, DBA Board Member and Incoming DBA President

ANGELA FERNANDEZ

Executive Director of Executive Director Northern Manhattan Coalition for Immigrant Rights

Introduction by Vianny M. Pichardo, DBA Immediate Past President

ANNA MARÍA TEJADA

Partner, Kaufman Dolowich Voluck LLP

Introduction by José Pérez

DominicanosUSA,

Executive Director Eddie Cuesta

CLOSING REMARKS

MIGUELINA CAMILO

DBA President

Live performance by Valerio

2018 GALA HONOREE

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ANGELA FERNANDEZ

Executive Director,
Northern Manhattan Coalition
for Immigrant Rights

Angela is the Executive Director and supervising attorney of NMCIR. She is a graduate of the Columbia University School of Law and has more than 20 years of experience advocating for human and civil rights the United States and abroad. Her public interest law experience began in the Middle East, investigating labor law violations of workers, with the Centre for Human Rights Legal Aid in Cairo and continued with her providing pro bono legal representation to immigrants through the American Immigrant Lawyers Association.

Angela's advocacy in the educational field includes successfully founding and managing two academically rigorous elementary schools, in the South Bronx and Washington DC, and spearheading and implementing the first of its kind Women's Studies Program at Riker's Island Correctional Facility, for female detainees. Angela's work in government includes being a staffer for US Senator Bill Bradley and being District Chief of Staff of Congressman Jose Serrano. Earlier in Angela's career she was an off-air reporter for ABC News, World News Tonight with Peter Jennings, Good Morning America and Nightline.

Angela co-lead the effort to end New York State's participation in the Secure Communities program, and co-developed the first of its kind in the nation, universal court-appointed representation program for detained immigrants. 🏠

2018 GALA HONOREE

*A*nna María is a partner at Kaufman Dolowich Voluck, LLP and co-chair of their Women's Initiative. She is also director of the New Jersey Labor & Employment Group. Her practice concentrates in labor and employment law on behalf of management, employment practices liability, directors and officers liability, professional liability and education law.

She represents employers, attorneys, school boards, parents and municipalities in state and federal courts as well as in administrative proceedings before the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, Division on Civil Rights and the Office of Administrative Law.

Previously, Ms. Tejada practiced with a large New Jersey law firm and served as an Equal Justice Works Fellow for the Education Law Center where she assisted in enforcement proceedings of the landmark decisions of *Abbott v. Burke*.

Ms. Tejada served as an appellate clerk for the Honorable John E. Wallace, Jr., now retired, from the Supreme Court of New Jersey and interned in law school for the Honorable John W. Bissell, United States District of New Jersey. Ms. Tejada frequently participates in mentoring programs for inner city youths in her home town of Passaic, as well as other locations in New Jersey. 🏠



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ANNA MARÍA TEJADA

Partner, Kaufman Dolowich Voluck LLP



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2018 GALA HONOREE



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**Executive Director,
Eddie Cuesta**

Today, more than 1.5 million people of Dominican descent call the U.S. home. Dominicanos USA, a non-partisan organization led by National Executive Director Eddie Cuesta, was created in 2014 to address the growing need for programs that help immigrants and disenfranchised citizens to integrate into society. DUSA educates and actively encourages Dominicans and others to become active participants in society's civic and political processes.

DUSA is dedicated to empowering the Dominican-American and the broader Latin community through voter registration, education and mobilization, as well as encouraging civic engagement at all levels. In its inaugural year, they registered more than 26,000 mostly Dominican American voters in New York City and in Providence, Rhode Island. For the 2016 Presidential Election, DUSA team registered over 100,000 New Yorkers with canvassers. DUSA also monitors assisted at the polls addressing concerns of those not listed in poll books and ensuring that they were listed with their correct respective parties.

Eddie leads the team of mostly young adults with their headquarters on 149th Street in the Bronx. 🏠

2017 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



Arianna Beltrez

Albany Law School



ALBANY LAW SCHOOL

Arianna Beltrez is a third year law student at Albany Law School where she serves as the President of the Latin American Law Students' Association ("LALSA"). She is the engineer behind Community Diversity Day at Albany Law, the first ever event in the history of the law school that serves to connect students of color with alumni and other legal professionals of color in across state of New York. Thanks to Arianna's efforts, Community Diversity Day has become an annual event that serves to further the conversation on the importance of diversity in the legal profession.

Arianna is also a founder and incorporator of Project Totem, a nonprofit organization that provides translation services to non-English-speaking clients across the Capital Region of New York. Project Totem has been able to lend its services to clients in various settings including jails, churches, and law offices through community partners like The Legal Project and Prisoners' Legal Services of New York. Most recently, Project Totem assisted with the credible fear screening of over three hundred immigrant detainees at the Albany County Jail.

Arianna is one of six siblings born and raised in Brooklyn, New York by a Puerto Rican Mother and a Dominican father.



SHABEL CASTRO

University of Pennsylvania Law School



Shabel was born and raised in the South Bronx to Dominican parents and will be the first in her family to obtain a graduate degree. She graduated from the Macaulay Honors Program at Lehman College, CUNY and is currently a third-year law student at the University of Pennsylvania Law School. She is also pursuing a Master's of Science in Social Policy at the School of Social Policy & Practice. Prior to attending law school, Shabel worked as a Legal Advocate at Part of the Solution (POTS), a non-profit organization in the Bronx that provides comprehensive and holistic services to community members in crisis. At POTS, Shabel helped clients who were at risk of being evicted from their homes or losing public benefits that supported their livelihood. Dedicated to both social justice and her community, Shabel has volunteered facilitating English classes

to adult immigrants, mentoring young girls and first-generation college students, teaching constitutional classes to high school students in Philadelphia, and serving as a Spanish interpreter and translator.

During the 2017-2018 academic year, Shabel served as President of the Latinx Law Students Association (LALSA). She hopes to pursue a public interest career with a focus on immigration, anti-poverty, the criminal justice system, and human rights.



KASSANDRA IRIZARRY

Brooklyn Law School



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Kassandra Irizarry was born and raised in Florida, and moved to New York to pursue a Bachelor of Science from John Jay College of Criminal Justice. She currently attends Brooklyn Law School where she is a member of the Appellate Moot Court Honor Society and has been awarded New York City Bar Diversity Fellowship. Kassandra participates in numerous organizations including, Business Brooklyn Law Association, Intellectual Property Law Association, Latin American Law Student Association, METRO LALSA, and the Black Law Student Association. Kassandra is excited about exploring career options within the legal field and has gained a growing interest in intellectual property and technology law. Prior to law school,

Kassandra worked as a social worker at a non-profit organization. She currently continues to participate in public service through her pro-bono work and volunteer efforts within the community. Kassandra's interests include playing the piano, riding motorcycles, singing/song writing, and dance.

2018 SWEARING-IN

INSTALLATION OF DBA OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

Tuesday, January 23, 2018
SDNY Ceremonial Courtroom



The Board was honored to have opening remarks by Murray Richman, Esq. The Honorable Bianka Perez, Judge of the Civil Court, Bronx County performed the swearing-in ceremony. Each spoke about the important roles of attorneys in elevating and supporting our legal community and community at large.



Special thanks to Judge Daniels and Elizabeth Vega of the Southern District of New York for all their help in coordinating event.

Special thank you to Brown Sugar Restaurant for providing food and refreshments.



LET'S CHAT:

A CONVERSATION WITH PRESIDING JUSTICE THE HONORABLE ROLANDO T. ACOSTA (FIRST DEPARTMENT, APPELLATE DIVISION)

Friday, April 6, 2018



DBA Law Student Committee hosted a candid discussion with the Honorable Rolando T. Acosta, Presiding Justice of the First Department, Appellate Division. Judge Acosta is the highest-ranking Dominican jurist and one of the founders of *The Dominican Bar Association*. The discussion spoke of the Judge's journey to the bench and his legal career triumphs.



 COLUMBIA LAW SCHOOL

Special thank you to Judge Acosta for his continuing contribution to our legal community and to DBA Law Student Committee Chairs Katherine Nuñez and Argemira Flores for coordinating this great event.

LET'S CHAT:

A CONVERSATION WITH LATINAS IN GOVERNMENT

Tuesday, April 24, 2018
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Panelists:

Grace Bonilla, Administrator of Human Resources Administration

Clarissa Rodriguez, Chair of Worker's Compensation Board

Camelia M. Valdes, Passaic County Prosecutor

Bernarda Villalona, Senior Attorney Homicide Bureau, Kings County

The Dominican Bar Association Women's Committee: *Las Mariposas* hosted a discussion that addressed the panelists' cultural roots and their path to public service at various levels in City, State and Federal government.



Special thanks to our dynamic Latina leaders that comprised the panel and Women's Committee Chair Keila Espinosa for coordinating this event.

This event was graciously sponsored by

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WOMEN'S FINANCIAL EMPOWERMENT EVENT

Tuesday, June 12, 2018



THE DBA'S TAMARINDO NIGHTS: SUMMER MIXER

Thursday, July 26, 2018



2018 NATIONAL DOMINICAN DAY PARADE

Sunday, August 12, 2018



2018 DBA PROGRAMMING

HIGH SCHOOL LAW DAY PROGRAM



Through our Youth Outreach Committee, DBA volunteers participated in High School Law Days throughout different schools during the year. Speakers presented to students about their educational background; extra-curricular involvement in high school and college; job description and responsibilities; and challenges faced and how you overcame them. This year The DBA was excited to visit its first Middle School, MESA Charter High School and speak to their students. Special thanks to DBA Youth Outreach chair Rosemary Almonte, DBA Board Member Ariana Marte Acevedo, and DBA Law Student Co-Chair Katherine Nunez for moderating these events. Rosemary we cannot thank you enough for all the great work you did this year! Please reach out to The DBA for future volunteer opportunities.

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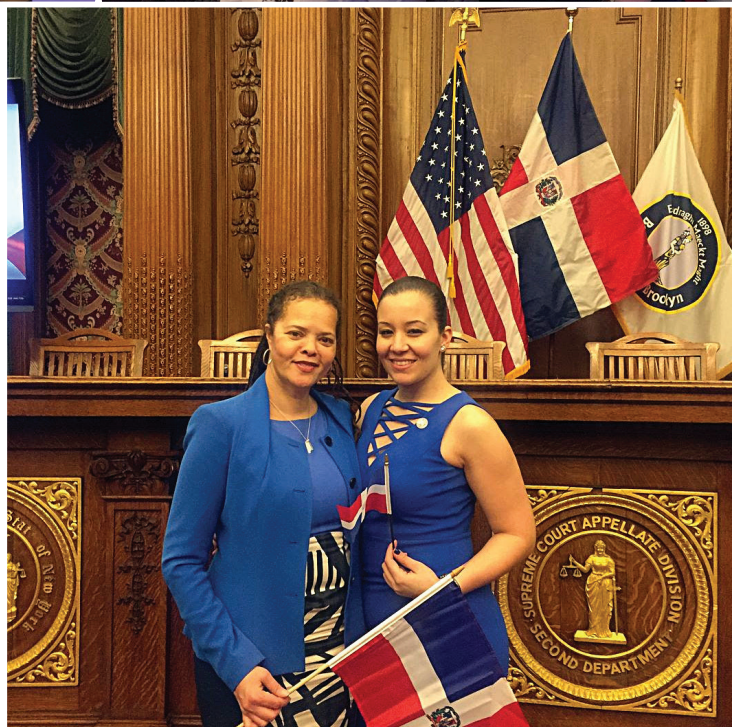
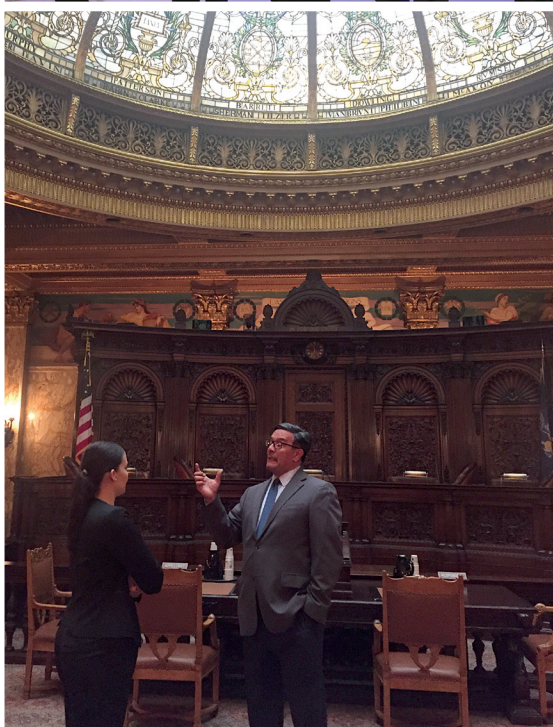
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LEGAL WORKSHOPS



Our community workshops hosts discussion groups ("talleres") with the purpose of educating the community on important legal topics such as landlord tenant law, employment law and the criminal justice system. Throughout the year, volunteer attorneys in the field and law students present general overviews on given topics throughout the community. Special thanks to Committee Chair and Incoming President Marbel Munoz for spearheading this committee and thank you to Centro Civico Cultural Dominicano for hosting our workshops this year. Please reach out to the DBA for future volunteer opportunities.

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Dear Friends,

Welcome to the Dominican Bar Association's 15th Annual Scholarship Gala, an opportunity to recognize the next generation of Latino leaders and the significant contributions made throughout our community.

New York's Dominican American population has made, and continues to make, invaluable contributions throughout every sector within New York City including within our government, education, health, public safety and law enforcement, business and corporate affairs, legal and judicial fields. The Dominican Bar Association has been committed to providing quality professional development programs and networking opportunities to its members as well as vital services to the Latino legal community across the United States for over thirty years.

This year, we are delighted to honor Anna Maria Tejada, Partner, Kaufman Dolowich Voluck, LLP; Angela Fernandez, Executive Director of the Northern Manhattan Coalition for Immigrant Rights; and Eddie Cuesta, Executive Director of Dominicanos USA – for their incomparable contributions to the Latino community.


Congratulations to DBA President Miguelina Camilo and all DBA members on another successful year! Your collective intellect and accomplishments are inspirational and serve as a standard of excellence and achievement for each of us as well as for the next generation of Latino leaders.

With highest esteem and best wishes,



Adriano Espaillat
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New York's 13th Congressional District


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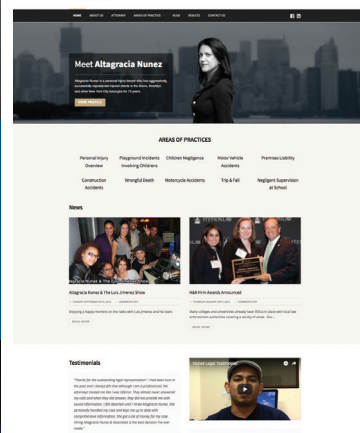
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Congratulations to this year's Honorees and Scholarship Recipients.



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September 25, 2018

Dear Friends,

Greetings to everyone gathered for The Dominican Bar Association's 15th Annual Scholarship Gala tonight.

The Dominican Bar Association ("The DBA") is an organization, which supports Latino members of the legal profession, particularly attorneys and law students of Dominican ancestry. The DBA also provides integral services to the community at-large through initiatives like its "Know Your Rights" legal workshops, held in both English and Spanish, and the mentoring the organization affords to young people throughout the city of New York. It is because of the work and commitment of organizations like The DBA, that together, we can ensure that the people of Brooklyn and New York City have equal access to justice.

Tonight this organization, along with its members and supporters, all gather to recognize individuals that have made noteworthy contributions to the Latino community. Congratulations to the evening's honorees - Anna Maria Tejada, Partner at Kaufman Dolowich Voluck LLP, Angela Fernandez, Executive Director of the Northern Manhattan Coalition for Immigrant Rights and Eddie Cuesta, Executive Director of DominicanosUSA.org. Congratulations as well, to this year's deserving scholarship recipients.

On behalf of the people of Brooklyn, please accept my best wishes for a successful evening. I look forward to your continued work toward creating a more fair and just New York City for all.

Sincerely,

/s/

Eric Gonzalez
District Attorney,
Kings County

OUR VERY BEST WISHES
to
The Dominican Bar Association Board
and honorees

Ana Maria Tejada, Esq.

Angela Fernandez, Esq.

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Congratulations on the well-deserved honor. We applaud your stellar commitment to serving the community at large. Your service is admired and indeed it touches the hearts and minds of many.

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at the **LONG ISLAND HISPANIC BAR ASSOCIATION**



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Saludos,

It is with great honor that I write to extend my greetings to the leadership, supporters and guests of the Dominican Bar Association (DBA) during this 15th Annual Scholarship Gala.

For years, DBA has been able to cultivate, maintain and connect a body of well equipped Latinos who take on the great task of defending and preserving the rights of many. Our values, commitment and purpose have been questioned and put at risk by those who take for granted the contributions made by Latinos all throughout, and that is why now, more than ever, we must continue to provide opportunity and support for Latinos who are looking to make meaningful impact throughout many arenas particularly the law.

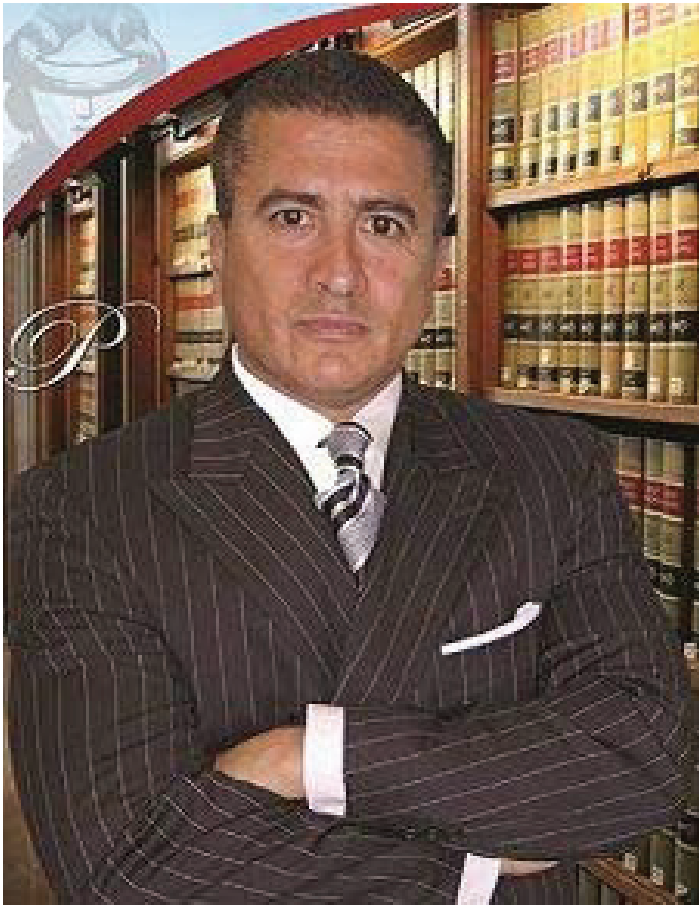
I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate each of the honorees: Anna Maria Tejada, Angela Fernandez & Eddie Cuesta for their efforts towards advancing Latinos in their respective ways. Most importantly, I would like to extend my heartfelt congratulations to each scholarship recipient.

Thank you all for allowing me to be part of this grand celebration.

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Sincerely,

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Miguelina Camilo
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Dear Ms. Camilo:

Brooklyn has a time-honored tradition of paying tribute to extraordinary individuals and organizations that are dedicated to upholding the law and protecting the rights of our citizens, as well as those who work tirelessly to maintain and strengthen the law, greatly contributing to the betterment of our borough and city. I am pleased to extend my warmest greetings and congratulations to you, the officers, directors, and supporters of the Dominican Bar Association as you gather on the occasion of your 15th annual Scholarship Gala.

The Dominican Bar Association has been steadfastly committed to supporting Latino members of the legal profession, particularly attorneys and law students of Dominican ancestry in their pursuit of higher posts in the legal professional and other facets of influence in the United States. We applaud the Dominican Bar Association for organizing pro-bono "Know Your Rights" legal workshops for members of the public by providing mentorships and scholarships to law students, and by conducting career information activities for high school students at their schools. We join with you as we honor individuals and organizations that have made noteworthy contributions to the Latino community and support the mission of the Dominican Bar Association. The unwavering dedication and support that the Dominican Bar Association has given to our communities is truly remarkable.

On behalf of all 2.6 million Brooklynites, we salute you, President Camilo, for the exemplary and steadfast leadership you have shown. We commend the Dominican Bar Association for its ongoing commitment to providing legal services to address the concerns of the Latino community. Furthermore, we congratulate those distinguished individuals who have generously supported the noble mission and work of the Dominican Bar Association through the years. Finally, we thank everyone for helping us move forward together as *One Brooklyn*.

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September 25th, 2018

Dear Friends,

I am honored to send my regards and praise to everyone at the Dominican Bar Association's 15th annual gala.

New York's Dominican community should have great pride in the contributions made to New York's vibrant landscape and cultural diversity. The American legal system has as a foundation equality before the law for all people—but such equality must be fought for. The noble and dedicated members of the Dominican Bar Association help uphold our laws that create and sustain a civil society, by promoting justice for all. I would like to offer a special word of congratulations to this year's honorees: Anna María Tejada, Angela Fernandez and Eddie Cuesta. They serve as exemplars to everyone in the Dominican community who believe in, and strive for, true equality and true justice under the law.

As a Dominican-born immigrant myself, I know how critically important it is for our young children to grow up having positive, public role models to look up to and emulate. The Dominican Bar Association leads the way in a fight for a better, fairer tomorrow and its membership serves as a beacon for young Dominican boys and girls to learn from and recognize that they can achieve whatever they set their minds to.

I am proud to offer my heartfelt thanks and best wishes to everyone gathered for the Dominican Bar Associations 15th Annual Scholarship Gala. May this grand organization and tradition continue for many years to come.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Marisol Alcántara".

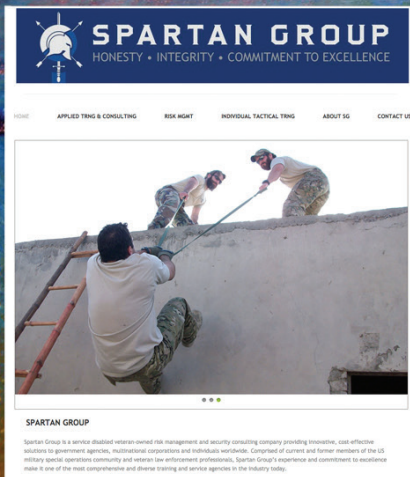
Senator Marisol Alcántara
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Roxana McKinney, of Strategies for Wealth, financial advisor and creator of *Women Wealth and Worth*, the financial empowerment and education series... salutes the Honorees and Student Award recipients at the **2018 DBA 15th Annual Gala Celebration**

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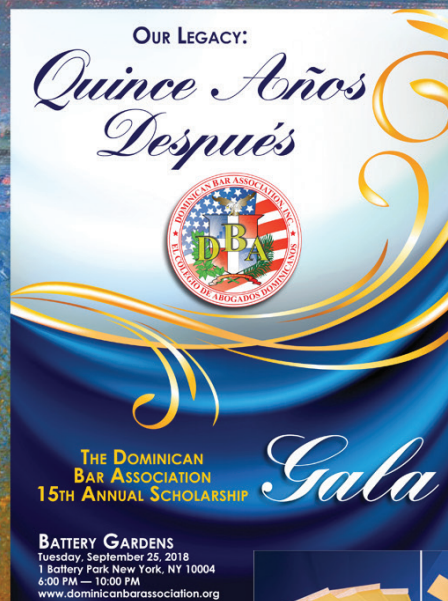
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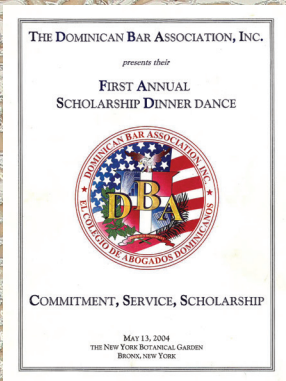
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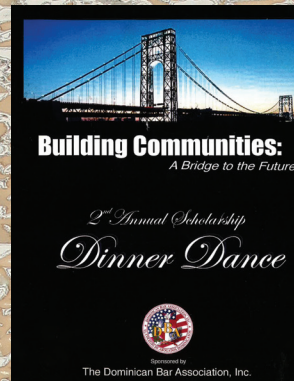
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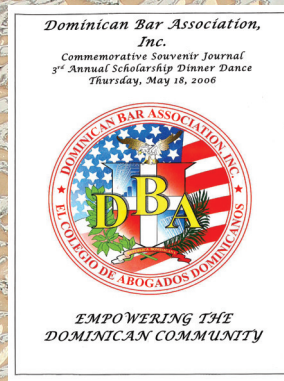
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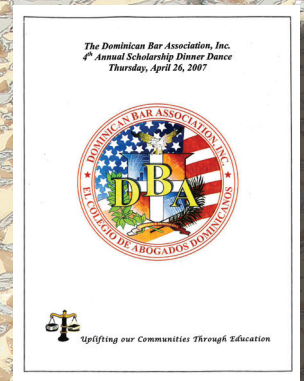
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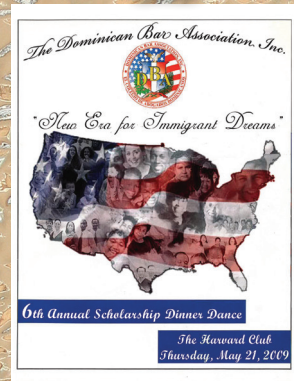
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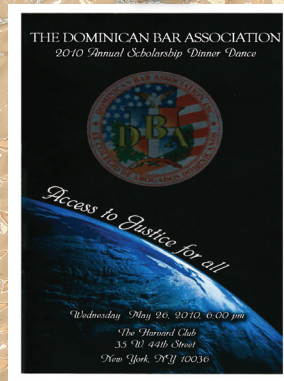
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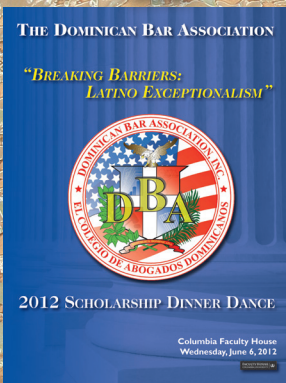
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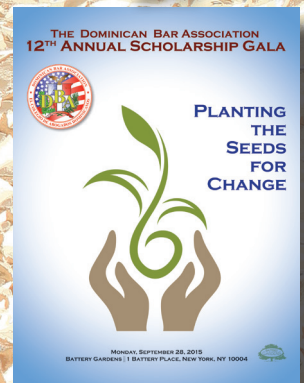
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