Scholarship Fund Gala

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2023

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Evening Agenda

Opening of Ceremony

U.S. and Puerto Rico National Anthem Performed by Lieutenant Jessica Hernandez

Welcome & President's Remarks

Presented by Angélicque M. Moreno, Esq. 66th President of the PRBA

Mayoral Certificate of Recognition

Public Service Award

Hon. Luis R. Sepúlveda, New York State Senator Presented by Hon. Wanda Yvette Negron

Attorney of the Year Award

Lisa Martinez Wolmart, Prudential, Inc., Chief Legal Officer Presented by Renier P. Pierantoni, Esq., Cooper LLC

Judiciary Excellence Awards

Hon. Rolando T. Acosta (Ret.) Presented by Kimberly Conroy, Esq., Kasowitz Benson Torres LLP

> Hon. Joseph A. Zayas Presented by Hon. Rolando T. Acosta (Ret.)

Presentation of 2023 Scholarship Recipients

Justice Sallie Manzanet-Daniels Dare to Dream Scholarship Presented by Associate Justice Llinét Rosado

Felipe N. Torres & Frank Torres Scholarship Award
Presented by Lucas Torres

Puerto Rican Bar Association Scholarship Fund Award Recipients Presented by Hon. Joseph A. Zayas

Congratulations

Puerto Rican Bar Association Scholarship Fund Award Recipients

Stephanie Argueta Fabrizio Chamorro Lauren Farfan Gerson Martinez Valeria Ortiz

Justice Sallie Manzanet-Daniels Dare to Dream Scholarship Recipient

Odalmy Ruiz

Felipe N. Torres & Frank Torres Scholarship Award

Israel Lopez

Judiciary Excellence Award



Justice Roland T. Acosta (Ret.)

As a Partner at Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman, LLP, Rolando Acosta brings over 25 years of experience as a sitting New York judge to guide clients through all phases of litigation.

Justice Acosta has decades of experience as a trial and appellate judge on the Supreme Court of the State of New York. Most notably, he served on the Appellate Division, First Department for 15 years, including as Presiding Justice for six years. Widely recognized as one of the foremost jurists in the United States, Justice Acosta has earned a reputation for his uncompromising adherence to the rule of law. Throughout his tenure as Presiding Justice of the Appellate Division, First Department, the Court underwent a swift and strategic modernization, achieving improved efficiency and affording the public greater access to justice.

Judiciary Excellence Award



Justice Joseph A. Zayas Chief Administrative Judge

The Hon. Joseph A. Zayas was appointed by Chief Judge Rowan Wilson in May 2023 as the Chief Administrative Judge of the New York State Unified Court System, the highest-ranking administrative position within the New York State Judiciary. Judge Zayas oversees the day-to-day administration and operation of the statewide court system, including its \$3.3 billion budget, 3,300 state and local judges and 15,000 non-judicial employees in over 300 locations across the state.

Judge Zayas was previously appointed by New York's Governor as an Associate Justice of the Appellate Division, Second Department – an intermediate appellate court which has jurisdiction over portions of New York City and the suburbs surrounding New York City. He previously served as the Administrative Judge for Supreme Court in Queens County, the second most populous county in the State.

Attorney of the Year Award



Lisa Martinez Wolmort

Prudential, Chief Legal

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Lisa Martinez Wolmart is the Chief Legal Officer for the U.S. Businesses of Prudential Financial, Inc. She and her team serve as strategic legal advisors supporting enterprise priorities across Prudential's U.S. Businesses.

Before her current role, she served as the company's Chief Litigation and Regulatory Officer where she and her team managed all litigation and regulatory matters for the company. Prior to joining Prudential in 2013, Ms. Wolmart served as a Legal Director of Merck & Co., Inc., formerly Schering-Plough Corporation, managing complex commercial litigation, product liability and multi-district litigation. Before transitioning to an in-house counsel role, she represented Fortune 50 and 100 companies in complex litigation, most recently as a partner with Day Pitney LLP.

Ms. Wolmart is an active volunteer and contributor to a variety of initiatives in her state and local community. She is a member of the Board of Directors of the Institute for Inclusion in the Legal Profession, a Trustee of the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra and serves as a member of the New Jersey Supreme Court Advisory Committee on Professional Ethics. Ms. Wolmart received her B.A. in Political Science from Wellesley College and her J.D. from Columbia University School of Law. She resides in Randolph, NJ with her husband, children and golden retriever.

Public Service Award



Hon. Luis Sepúlveda New York State Senate

Senator Luis R. Sepúlveda was first elected to represent the 32nd Senate District in April 2018. His diverse district covers central areas of the Bronx. He previously served for three- terms as the Assemblyman for the 87th Assembly District.

A staunch advocate for his constituents and the people of the state of New York, Senator Sepúlveda has been a champion of bolstering economic opportunity, diversity, and social service reforms, especially as they affect middle and working class families.

As Senator, he has been a leader in criminal justice reform, working to change the culture of distrust between communities of color and the police, and to correct inherent racial biases in the justice system. During the 2019 Legislative Session, he oversaw the historic criminal justice reforms in ending cash bail, early discovery, and speedy trial. He continues to lead on legislation supporting rehabilitation and reentry, ending solitary confinement, creating civilian oversight of the state correctional system, and more.

Senator Sepúlveda has become a recognized leader in Albany as an advocate for immigrant rights in New York, as the lead sponsor of two of the state's most impactful and historic immigration bills: the NY State Jose Peralta DREAM Act and the Green Light Bill, which respectively expanded access to higher education and driver's licenses for undocumented immigrants.

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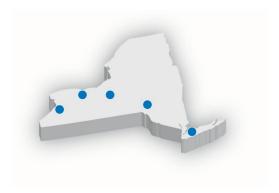
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