



78th Annual

SCHOLARSHIP GALA
THE DOMINICAN BAR ASSOCIATION



*Nuestra Comunidad,
Nuestro Legado!*

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Quien 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.

President's Message



Bienvenidos to the 18th Annual Scholarship Gala – Nuestra Comunidad. Nuestro Legado! Today we celebrate and honor the brilliance and legacy within our diaspora. Thank you to our sponsors, supporters, family, and friends for your continued commitment to the Dominican Bar Association! Your support is truly invaluable.

Congratulations to the 2021 scholarship recipients – Bryan Medina, Yariza Pimentel, Luis Evangelista, Jailene Cruz, Aaliyah Smith, Carlos Adolfo Gonzalez, Evelyn Sanchez, Andreas Myers, and Natalie Diaz. You are all rising stars; the legal profession will be lucky to have you!

Congratulations to our 2021 honorees – Lucy Lopez, Justice Helen Voutsinas, The Dominican Medical-Dental Society, and The National Supermarket Association! Thank you for your remarkable work and for paving the way.

To my board, I appreciate you so much. Thank you for your incredible leadership. And special thank you to my family, friends, and mentors, your unconditional support keeps me going. I love you all!

The past two years have been truly incredible. We have accomplished so much during a pandemic.

In 2020, despite the challenges we faced during unprecedented times, our board did not waver. We quickly pivoted to the virtual platform and set the bar for others to follow. Our focus was centered on helping nuestra comunidad, addressing pressing social justice issues, and continuing to grow our organization. We managed to host over forty legal and community programs, addressing a variety of topics, including: police reform, the 2020 census, voting rights, and wellness. As an organization, we raised over \$40,000 to help those in dire need and fulfill our mission to provide scholarships to students in our community.

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In 2021, strengthening nuestro legado, was at the forefront of our mission. We continued building and growing. This year has been like no other. For the first time ever, the DBA has started its own Judicial Internship Program named after the first Judge of Dominican descent in the USA, Judge Faviola Soto. Nine judges and eleven students throughout the country, participated in this six weeks long program.

We continued the conversations on racial justice, financial freedom, wellness, legal development, Know Your Rights, among other great programs. We created historic partnership agreements between the DBA and two prestigious universities in the DR; that will help Dominican attorneys better prepare to become admitted in the USA. And lastly, we tripled our scholarships.

I cannot be prouder of these unprecedented accomplishments! It has been a true honor presiding over this magnificent organization. I know the DBA will continue to grow and be innovative. I wish its future leadership the best of luck! Please stay true to our mission!

In service,



Doralyn De Dios, Esquire.

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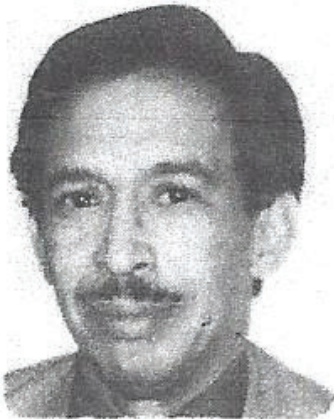
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Scholarship Recipients

Honoring Antonio C. Martinez



The Dominican Bar Association to Honor First Dominican American Member of the New York Bar, Antonio C. Martinez, with Scholarship Award on October 2, 2021.

New York, NY - The Dominican Bar Association is proud to announce the establishment of the Antonio C. Martinez Memorial Scholarship Award at the 18th Annual Scholarship Gala. In honor of the late Antonio C. Martinez, a Dominican American immigrant who went to Brooklyn Law School and became the first Dominican American member of the New York State Bar admitted December 3, 1956 and led an illustrious forty-three year legal career serving immigrants and helping thousands legally immigrate to the United States. Antonio C. Martinez's indefatigable efforts set important legal precedents for fairness and equity in immigration.

(Lewis-Mota v. Secretary of Labor, 449 F.2d 478 (1972), Corniel-Rodriguez v. INS 532 F. 2d 301 (2d Cir. 1976), Matter of Luna, Interim Decision # 2939 In Visa Petition Proceedings A-24619710) (April 26, 1983).

"We are truly honored and inspired by the late Antonio C. Martinez's pioneering efforts in the legal field. We look forward to rewarding future members of the legal community for that same spirit. We are grateful for the continuity of the Martinez family legal legacies serving the community to this day", stated Doralyn De Dios, DBA President.

The Antonio C. Martinez legal legacy continues through his family, daughter Antonia Juliette Martinez, Harvard Law School 1982, an Elder Law/Estate Planning Attorney practicing in Westchester County; son Antonio C. Martinez II, Brooklyn Law School 1990, an Attorney practicing in NY, NJ, and Washington DC, and grandson Giancarlo N. Martinez Brooklyn Law School 2018, an Attorney Advisor with the U.S. Department of Justice Bureau of Prisons in Annapolis, MD.

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Honoring Antonio C. Martinez



ANTONIO C. MARTINEZ (1926-1999)

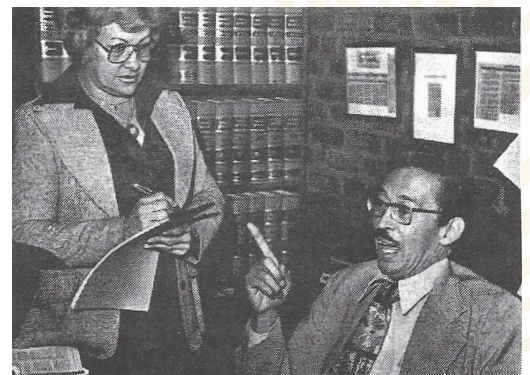
Antonio C. Martinez, born in Santiago de los 30 Caballeros 1926, is noted as the first Dominican attorney in the State of New York. He was admitted to the bar on December 3, 1956 and passed away in 1999 leaving behind a legacy.

Claudio as people called him, arrived in the U.S. on October 10, 1932. As a young boy, like many immigrants before him, he embraced his new country. He became an Eagle Scout and selflessly enlisted in the U.S. Army to serve the United States during the Second World War in the Pacific Theater. In 1948 he graduated from Hunter College, became a Drug Enforcement Agent for the U.S. Treasury, then worked during the day and attended Brooklyn Law School at night.

His 43-year legal career was devoted to the field of immigration. Claudio was successful in assisting thousands of families immigrate to the U.S. It is noted in the Congressional Record of March 20, 2017 Congressman Adriano Espaillat acknowledged Antonio C. Martinez's involvement in his own life. Congressman Espaillat said in his words, "I am proud to say that as the first Dominican American Congressman, my family and I were represented by the first Dominican American Attorney in the State of New York."

Claudio was passionate about his work and tirelessly dedicated himself to the people he served resulting in precedent setting cases that are now studied in law school when taking a course in immigration law.

Today his professional legacy lives through his children Julie and Tony and grandson Giancarlo, inspired by their late father and grandfather. The concept of hard work and striving to be your best was a tenet of his life. Claudio produced three generations of Brooklyn Law School graduates in Tony (Antonio C. Martinez, II) and Giancarlo (Giancarlo N. Martinez). His daughter, Julie (Antonia J. Martinez) is a graduate of Harvard Law School. We share a portion of a letter he wrote to Julie in October 1978 that the Martinez family would like to impart to the recipient of the Antonio C. Martinez scholarship:



Never be afraid to reach out and catch the impossible or what you think is impossible, the world is full of surprises, but if you didn't catch it don't be disappointed either, but try harder next time, the world admires a trier. That's why I suggest you try Harvard, Love, Dad

Antonio C. Martinez Scholarship Recipient



YARIZA PIMENTEL
BROOKLYN LAW SCHOOL

I was born and raised in the South Bronx. I grew up in an extended household and lived with my abuelita, tia, primos, and siblings. I am the first in my entire family to obtain a college degree and I will be the first in my family to become a lawyer. Prior to attending law school, I attended City College where I obtained my bachelor's degree in Political Science. After graduating college, I worked at a construction management firm as a project engineer. However, after five years of working in the construction industry, I decided to pursue my dreams of becoming a lawyer.

I am a third-year student at Brooklyn Law School and a member of the Moot Court Honor Society. I am also an active member of the Latin American Law Students Association and routinely mentor first-year Latinx students. After my first year of law school, I was competitively selected by the Sonia and Celina Sotomayor Judicial Internship Program for a summer internship with the Honorable Doris M. Gonzalez at the Bronx Supreme Court - Civil Term.

I am currently still exploring different areas of law to practice after law school, but I do hope to provide my counsel pro bono to underrepresented communities and will continue to support diversity in the legal field.



The Brito Family Foundation



The Brito Family Foundation was founded by Diogenes Daniel Brito in June of 2019 with the intent of giving back to the community he came from.

Diogenes is a Stanford graduate of the class of 2011, majoring in Product design. He is of Dominican and Colombian descent. He was born in Queens, NY and raised in Washington Heights. He is a proud alum of Prep for Prep and its biggest alumni donor.

Diogenes understands the importance of representation in the legal field. He recognizes the amazing work the DBA has been doing and given his Dominican ancestry is very moved by DBA's mission. He is proud to become the biggest scholarship donor for the DBA.

THE BRITO FAMILY FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



NATALIE DIAZ

WIDENER UNIVERSITY DELAWARE LAW SCHOOL

Natalie Diaz is a 3L at Widener University Delaware Law School where she pursues a legal career in civil rights. Ms. Diaz was inspired to practice law as she studied Criminal Justice at Seton Hall University and realized that there are underrepresented and indigent people in need of a voice in her community. As a result, Ms. Diaz volunteered at a local state-funded facility where she supported adolescent patients who were struggling with gang violence and substance abuse. There, Ms. Diaz realized she could make a career by helping those vulnerable members of her community persevere through their struggles. It was after this community service work that Ms. Diaz

decided to immerse herself in more service work and gained exposure to the legal field by working in various firms and interning in public interest dealing with various civil rights practices. Now, Ms. Diaz is involved with the DE Civil Law Clinic where she was temporarily sworn in to practice law as a certified legal intern under DE Rule 56 to help survivors of domestic violence. Ms. Diaz is beyond thrilled to achieve the DBA Scholarship to help further her legal career achieve her goal of helping her community.

EVELYN SANCHEZ GONZALEZ

UCLA SCHOOL OF LAW

Bowdoin College alumna, now 1L at UCLA School of Law, and worked as a paralegal at the U.S. Department of Justice, Antitrust Division in Washington, DC prior to moving to Los Angeles. Raised by a single mother in the barrio (the hood) in Tucson, Arizona, I witnessed my mom's health deteriorate from gender violence, healthcare inequities, and housing insecurity. I'm pursuing a J.D. to create long-term changes through law and policy to help those suffering from socio-economic injustices. I plan to volunteer at several of UCLA Law's El Centro Clinics, which provide direct assistance to those dealing with homelessness, domestic violence, and immigration issues. Upon graduation, I intend to work on impact litigation and policy advocacy to effect change on a large scale, while also continuing to provide direct assistance to those in need.



ANDREAS MYERS

UNC SCHOOL OF LAW

Andreas C. Myers was born in Davidson, NC. His mother immigrated to the United States from Panama with the dream of starting a family in the U.S. Throughout Andreas' childhood he witnessed and assisted his widowed mother in her struggle to gain her citizenship in the U.S. and it was this experience that inspired him to pursue a career in law. Andreas attended the University of North Carolina at Charlotte as a first-generation college student where he obtained a B.A. in Political Science with a minor in Legal Studies. He is currently a 1L at the University of North Carolina School of Law where he is a member of the Dean's Advisory Council, Hispanic/Latino Law

Students' Association and Black Law Students' Association. He hopes to begin his career in transactional corporate law as he believes it is important to have more Latino & P.O.C representation in this career track. In the future, Andreas plans to work with the Immigration Clinic at UNC to advocate for the many immigrants in the Chapel Hill area as well as prepare him to eventually transition into a career as an immigration attorney.

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JAILENE CRUZ

DREXEL UNIVERSITY THOMAS R. KLINE SCHOOL OF LAW

Jailene Cruz is a Dominican-American first-year law student at Drexel University Thomas R. Kline School of Law and a 2021 Pipeline to Practice Fellow. Her passion for helping underrepresented communities developed when she volunteered at a nursing home center in High School, to learn more about abuse and neglect in nursing home centers. In college, she interned for Congressman Donald M. Payne Jr. and worked as a legal assistant in multiple law firms. As a child of immigrant parents, a strong work ethic was a core value embedded in her at a very young age. Despite her challenging journey with the LSAT, she worked harder never losing sight of her vision. She is now a first-generation law student. She hopes her resilience can speak to women of color who aspire to go to law school but feel constrained by the numeral components of their application. She also hopes to use her legal career to represent minority groups.

CARLOS ADOLFO GONZALEZ SIERRA

HARVARD LAW SCHOOL

Carlos Adolfo Gonzalez Sierra is a second-year student at Harvard Law School, where he is concurrently pursuing a Master in Public Policy from the Harvard Kennedy School. Born in the Dominican Republic, Carlos and his family immigrated to Pennsylvania when he was eleven. With hard work, tenacity, and the support of others, Carlos overcame the language barrier, financial hardship, and undocumented status to graduate with honors from community college and Amherst College. He later earned graduate degrees from the University of Cambridge in the United Kingdom and Tsinghua University in China. Carlos is passionate about immigrant rights, civic engagement, and public service. Before law school, he worked as a community organizer, congressional staffer, policy advocate, and nonprofit director. Carlos also served on municipal and statewide governmental boards in Pennsylvania. He spent the summer before law school as a Sponsors for Educational Opportunity (SEO) Law Fellow at Hogan Lovells LLP in Washington, DC. Last summer, Carlos was a 1L Scholar in the Washington, DC office of Skadden LLP. At Harvard, he is a member of La Alianza, the Harvard Immigration Project, the Harvard Journal on Legislation, and serves as a J.D. Admissions Fellow. Carlos is a proud 2020 Paul & Daisy Soros Fellow and a 2021 National Dominican Day Parade Scholar.



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LUIS EVANGELISTA

ELISABETH HAUB SCHOOL OF LAW AT PACE UNIVERSITY

Luis is a second-year evening law student at Elisabeth Haub School of Law at Pace University. In his first year, Luis made Dean's List and was selected as a Junior Associate for the International Law Review. He is a proud member of LALSA and BLSA.

Prior to law school, Luis served with the United States Postal Service for five years. He started as a paralegal within the USPS's Law Department, assisting counsel with employment litigation matters before the Merit System Protection Board, the EEOC and federal courts. Luis was then elevated to Labor Relations Specialist, where he advocated for the Postal Service in mediated and arbitrated labor disputes. Before joining the USPS, Luis was a paralegal at Seeger Weiss LLP for 13 years, managing discovery and settlement matters in mass tort litigations.

Born in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, Luis moved to New York at the age of five. He lives in Westchester with his wife and four-year-old son.

AALIYAH SMITH

ELISABETH HAUB SCHOOL OF LAW AT PACE UNIVERSITY

My name is Aaliyah Smith. I am a second-year law school at Elisabeth Haub School of Law at Pace University. As a first-generation Latina American from the Bronx, I attend law school because I want to help my community garner another champion in its corner. An individual who will listen to their woes and heads into battle with the tools necessary to fight for justice. By participating in organizations such as Latino Justice CADA VOTO CUENTA and the Latin American Law Student Association (LALSA) at Pace, I have been able to bring awareness to the concerns of the Latinx communities. In addition, as a 2021 Summer Intern at the Bronx Legal Services in the Family and Immigration Units, I was able to help clients, often minority women, in their journey toward autonomy or stable legal status. Working alongside advocates, I strive to promote the Latinx community in the field of law to fight for a more equitable and justice society.



I thank you for your continued support of law students in their journey throughout the field. I am honored to be a recipient of the 2021 Dominican Bar Association Scholarship.

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BRYAN MEDINA
RUTGERS LAW SCHOOL

Even before Bryan Medina entered Rutgers Law School two years ago, he worked on diversity issues, including helping the Latinx community with HIV testing and doing public health research for LGBTQ and Latinx youth.

A native of Queens, New York, Medina attended Townsend Harris High School, one of the city's specialized high schools that emphasized community service. After high school, he went to Macaulay Honors College at Hunter College, where he studied psychology. After undergrad, he took on a research position at the Latino Commission on AIDS before enrolling at Baruch College to get his master's degree.

Medina worked full time during graduate school conducting research on high-risk youth and HIV, which was utilized by the Center for Disease Control to model specialized public health programs. He said his work with marginalized communities inspired him to attend law school. "After several years speaking with, and interacting closely with historically marginalized community members, I realized that I could do more for them through legal advocacy," he said. "Their stories of discrimination, and injustice frustrated me, and kindled the fire that would eventually lead me to apply to law school." He said he chose Rutgers because of its reputation for public interest work.

At Rutgers, Medina has continued to pursue public interest work. After his first year, he interned with the New York State of Human Rights, working on employment and housing discrimination cases. Throughout his time in law school, he has continued to volunteer in the community, and to tackle issues affecting marginalized groups in the tri-state area. He hopes to run for NYC Council in the near future.

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*Scholarship
Gala Honorees*

Lifetime Achievement Award



LUCY M. LOPEZ

MCKINSEY & COMPANY, INC. HEAD OF LEGAL FOR THE AMERICAS

Lucy is Deputy General Counsel and Head of Legal for the Americas at McKinsey & Company, Inc. where she advises McKinsey's partners on legal and reputational issues, ensuring that the firm's business globally is conducted in accordance with the firm's professional standards and regulatory requirements. She works with senior leadership, including board committees, and has advised on commercial arrangements, corporate transactions and new office openings, expansion into new business models, acquisitions and partnerships, professional liability, conflict resolution, and protection of the firm's brand. She has provided leadership and oversight of legal support to McKinsey New Ventures, a group focused on innovation, including McKinsey Solutions, Organic Scale-Ups, Alliances & Acquisitions, and the McKinsey New Ventures Competition. She is deeply committed to partnering with business leaders to achieve strategic objectives while

effectively managing risks. Lucy has helped build a team from six lawyers to nearly 200 professionals, and is currently responsible for a team of nearly 80 legal professionals across the Americas.

McKinsey & Company is a global management consulting firm that serves a broad mix of private, public, and social sector institutions. The firm serves more than 90 of the top 100 companies on the Forbes Global 2000 list with consultants in 129 cities in 65 countries, across multiple industries and functions. The firm was founded in Chicago in 1926 and currently has more than 28,000 colleagues worldwide.

Lucy began her career as a corporate associate at Debevoise & Plimpton, an international firm based in New York City where she had a broad corporate practice with emphasis on cross-border transactions. She was a member of the International and Latin America Practice groups, and supported clients on acquisitions and divestitures, joint venture and distribution arrangements, project financings, commercial debt arrangements, private placements, initial public offerings, and high yield debt offerings.

Lucy is passionate about her work as a member and former President of the Board of Trustees of Big Brothers Big Sisters of New York, the nation's oldest and New York's largest youth mentoring organization whose mission is to give New York City children facing adversity an opportunity to experience strong mentoring relationships with adults who can change their lives for the better. She has been on the Audit, Finance, and Executive Committees and has held other key leadership roles at the agency, including Executive Vice President and Chair of the Program Committee and the CEO Search Committee. In 2019, Lucy received the agency's Hall of Fame award for helping to unleash the full potential of girls she has mentored over the course of a decade.

Lucy has also been recognized by other organizations and publications, including as a recipient of the City of New York Mayoral Service Recognition Award for outstanding efforts to improve New York City's communities in need; the LatinoJustice Trailblazer Award established in honor of former LatinoJustice Board member and U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor; and as one of the nation's most influential minority attorneys by Lawyers of Color. She has served on Congresswoman Nita M. Lowey's Hispanic Advisory Board, representing the 17th Congressional District of New York.

Lucy is married to a human resources professional, has two children and lives in Westchester county, New York, where the family enjoys the quiet away from the bustle of New York City.

Judicial Excellence Award



JUSTICE HELEN VOUTSINAS

Honorable HELEN VOUTSINAS was born in Corona, Queens, to parents who met soon after they had immigrated to New York from the Dominican Republic and Greece. Her mother, born in the Dominican Republic has deep roots there dating back to the 1600's. At the age of five, Justice Voutsinas moved with her family to Nassau County surrounded by her extended family from the Dominican Republic who had also immigrated to the United States.

Justice Voutsinas' judiciary career began in 2010 when she successfully ran for District Court with the help of various communities that rallied around her in a grassroots campaign. In a historic win in 2010, Justice Voutsinas became the first Latina to be elected to full time judicial office in Nassau County. In 2018, Justice Voutsinas became the first Latina elected to the Supreme Court on Long Island. Within two years of serving as a Justice of the Supreme Court Justice Voutsinas became the first Latina appointed to the Associate Justice of the Appellate Term 9th and 10th Judicial Districts.

Justice Voutsinas began her career at a private law firm handling various cases including, personal injury and commercial litigation from inception to trial. She decided to devote her life to public service and began her career in government as an Assistant Town Attorney and Counsel to the Board of Zoning and Appeals for the Town of North Hempstead handling all types of litigation. She later served as Deputy Majority Counsel to the Nassau County Legislature. She served as Principal Law Clerk to the Honorable Steven M. Jaeger from 2005 to 2011, in the County, Family, and Supreme Court. In her role as law secretary, she handled criminal felony cases and other specialized cases including Domestic Violence and Drug Diversion.

In addition to her work as an active trial judge, Justice Voutsinas is an active leader in her community and amongst her peers. Justice Voutsinas has been appointed as an Advisor to the Franklin H. Williams Judicial Commission. Justice Voutsinas served as President of the Long Island Hispanic Bar Association (LIHBA) from October 2017 to October 2019. She has served in various positions on the Board of the LIHBA throughout the years. She served as President of the Nassau County Women's Bar Association (NCWBA) (2006-2007). She had previously served as a member of the Board of Directors and held the officer positions of Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, Vice President of the NCWBA and Delegate to the New York State Women's Bar Association. During her tenure as President of the NCWBA she co-founded the Nassau County Women's Bar Foundation in furtherance of her desire to help women advance in both their professional and personal lives. She also served as President of the Nassau County District Court Judges Association and on the Board of the NYS Latino Judges Association (2015-2017). She currently serves on the Board of Directors of and is President-Elect of the Theodore Roosevelt INNS of Court.

In 2018 Justice Voutsinas received the President's Award from the Network of Bar Leaders. In 2014 she received the "Virginia Duncombe, Esq." award from the NCWBA for her work and commitment to enhancing legal education. In 2013, she was recognized by the Consulate General of the Dominican Republic for her achievements as a Judge of Dominican Heritage in the United States. She has also received numerous citations from the New York State Comptroller, County of Nassau and Villages of Freeport and Hempstead for her contributions to the community.

Justice Voutsinas is very proud of both her Dominican and Greek roots and is fluent in both languages. Justice Voutsinas attended Our Lady of Mercy Academy in Syosset, New York. She graduated from St. John's University where she majored in Accounting and graduated from St. John's School of Law and received her Juris Doctor in 1999. Justice Voutsinas is happily married to Antonio and is a proud and devoted mother to her son, Dean and daughter, Daphne Ana.

Community Trailblazer Award



DOMINICAN MEDICAL-DENTAL SOCIETY

Founded in 1977. DMDS goal is to provide free compassionate health care to those in need in underdeveloped countries where the population has no or limited access to specialized services in medicine and dentistry. We will have the opportunity to provide free dental and medical care to the lowest income population with the help of the local healthcare authorities. Dental, Surgical, medical care will be provided free of charges with the support of Doctors, Dentists, Nurses, Physician Assistants, and Volunteers. Donated equipment, medications, and supplies will be transported from the United States to the Dominican Republic by cargo. Strict control of these materials will be enforced by the ranking leaders of the mission.



NATIONAL SUPERMARKET ASSOCIATION

HISTORY

Founded in 1989 by Hispanic entrepreneurs, the NSA is a trade association that represents the interest of independent supermarket owners in New York and other urban cities throughout the East coast, Mid-Atlantic region and Florida. Beginning in the mid seventies, these entrepreneurs had the courage of opening supermarkets in areas abandoned by the large chains, as they were economically depressed and mostly minority neighborhoods. These men and women had the vision and the commitment to fill a vacuum

in those communities, at a time when the term “food desert” had not even been coined. Currently, many NSA members continue to serve those areas by offering healthy foods and full service supermarkets.

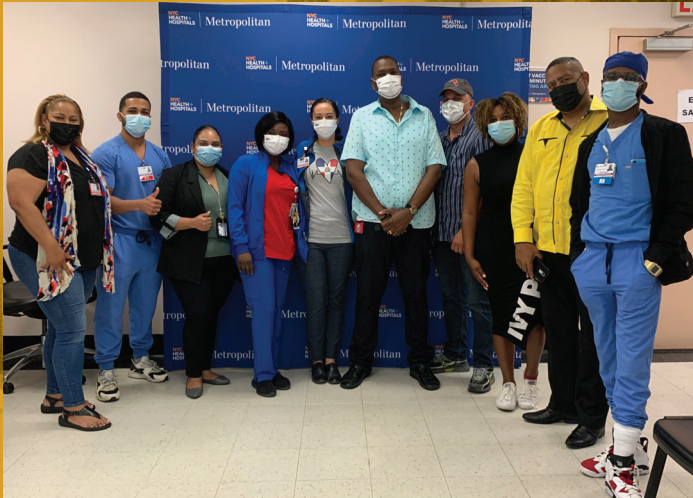
The association has grown dramatically in the last two decades and currently provides its members hands on representation in both the private and public sectors and advocates issues that impact the entire supermarket industry. Current membership represents approximately 400 supermarkets. Most members are of Hispanic descent, and their stores are predominantly located in minority neighborhoods.

MISSION

The NSA provides outreach services to corporations that want to capture the booming Hispanic market by providing counseling on marketing strategies to reach Hispanic retailers and consumers, including market and cultural intelligence.

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DBA In Action



Metropolitan

The Dominican Bar Association and NYC Health + Hospitals/Metropolitan invite you to

VACCINE DAY


Saturday, June 26, 10 AM to 4 PM
at Metropolitan
1901 First Avenue, New York, NY 10029
(Entrance at 97th Street and 2nd Avenue)
First floor, Room 1D27
Register: <https://bit.ly/3bYfnVC>

COVID-19 VACCINE IS AVAILABLE TO ANYONE 12 YEARS AND OLDER.

A parent or legal guardian must provide consent at the time of the vaccination to anyone younger than 18 – either in person, by phone or in writing. Bring your photo ID and insurance card. You will not be billed.

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For more information: 718-255-7408 or dominicanbarassoc@gmail.com




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Please join the Dominican Bar Association at The Training Lab NYC for an in person workout for Attorneys

**July 28th, 2021
7:30pm**

Take control of your Well-Being and prioritize your Physical Wellness!


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DBA On the Move



DBA Goes Virtual



Looking back at more 2021 events

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JUSTICE & COMMUNITIES OF COLOR

A CIVIL RIGHTS FORUM WITH MANHATTAN DA CANDIDATES

HOSTED BY NYCLA'S CRIMINAL JUSTICE SECTION

TUES, MAY 4, 2021, 5:30PM-9:30PM
RSVP AT [HTTPS://BIT.LY/3SVQZ0J](https://bit.ly/3SVQZ0J)

Understanding the benefits of your 401K

Learn all you need to know regarding 401Ks with Financial Advisors Mavi Thorpe and Tasha Garcia from Morgan Stanley

Thursday, April 29, 2021
6:30pm - 7:30pm
Zoom

RSVP: dominicanbarassociation.org/events

CELEBRATING WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

I AM SPEAKING: Being Your Authentic Self

March 31, 2021
6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

Lucy M. Lopez
Deputy General Counsel & Head of Legal for the Americas
McKinsey & Company
Keynote Speaker

Tanya N. Blocker
Associate General Counsel & Director of US Employment, Labor and Benefits Group
National Grid
Moderator

With A Special Presentation: "A Letter to My Younger Self" by the leaders of ABWA, BWBA, BxWBA, DBA, & MBAA.

Co-Sponsored by Association of Black Women Attorneys, Brooklyn Women's Bar Association, Dominican Bar Association, Metropolitan Black Bar Association

Register at mbbany.org

POLICE, PROSECUTION, & POWER
PART II (continued): Prosecuting the Police, Lessons Learned from State of Minnesota vs. Derek Chauvin

TUESDAY, MAY 25TH
6:30 PM - 7:30 PM EST

ZOOM
FACEBOOK LIVE: [dominicanbarassociation https://bit.ly/3v3A1ec](https://bit.ly/3v3A1ec)

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SPEAKERS

JOEY JACKSON
Principal & Founder
Joey Jackson Law, PLLC
CNY, NY Legal Analyst

BERNARDA VILLALONA
Criminal Defense Attorney
Former Prosecutor
Legal Analyst

MODERATOR: REGINALD GREENE
NBPA Sterling Johnson NY Chapter
New York County Representative

CO-MODERATOR: EVELINA RENÉ
NBPA Sterling Johnson NY Chapter
President

Presented by the National Black Prosecutors Association, Sterling Johnson NY Chapter & the Dominican Bar Association

HNBA **DOMINICAN BAR ASSOCIATION** **Dominican Writers**

Dominicanos, quienes somos?

A conversation on the Black history in the Dominican diaspora

Featuring:

Prof. Ginetta Candelario & **Prof. Remysell Salas**

February 17, 2021 at 6:30pm
RSVP: dominicanbarassociation.org

THE INSURRECTION...NOW WHAT...JUSTICE FOR ALL???
Accountability of Law Enforcement, Lawmakers, & the 45th President

TUESDAY, JANUARY 26, 2021
7 PM - 8:30 PM EST
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Wednesday, March 24th
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

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PANELISTS: **Natalie Henry** (National Agenda for Black Girls, Girls for Gender Equity), **Arnold Ludd** (Ambassador, Inspiring Minds NYC)

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September 14, 2021

Greetings!

As the representative of the 53rd New York State Assembly district covering Williamsburg and Bushwick, I write this letter of support on behalf of the Dominican Bar Association (DBA) and to welcome you to the 18th Annual Scholarship Gala. I can attest to this organization's dedication to the empowerment of Latinx individuals within the legal profession. For years, the DBA has been uplifting and celebrating the contributions of legal professionals and law students of Dominican heritage.

The DBA is an essential forum that promotes the advancement of Latinx folks within the legal field through their networking events, volunteer and mentorship opportunities, programs, and much more. Additionally, I would like to extend my congratulations to this year's honorees: Lucy Lopez, Head of Legal for the Americas & Deputy General Counsel at McKinsey & Company, Inc., the Honorable Helen Voutsinas, the National Supermarket Association, and the Dominican Medical-Dental Society for their contributions.

With the 18th Annual Scholarship Gala, we are reminded that we must not only celebrate these accomplishments but invest in our future generations. The Dominican Bar Association has been vital for the advancement of Latinx legal professionals in our community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Maritza Davila'.

Maritza Davila
Member, New York State Assembly
53rd Assembly District



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October 2, 2021

Dear Friends,

Greetings and best wishes to all on the occasion of The Dominican Bar Association's 18th Annual Scholarship Gala.

Thank you for keeping this great tradition going, despite all the challenges we have faced over the past two years. Your support enables The Dominican Bar Association (The DBA) to provide crucial services to Latino members of the legal profession, particularly attorneys and law students of Dominican ancestry. The DBA's work promotes sorely needed diversity and representation in the judiciary and other leadership roles throughout the legal profession.

During the Covid-19 pandemic, The DBA has provided food assistance to vulnerable members of the community. The DBA has been a voice for racial justice, providing forums to discuss much-needed criminal justice reforms, and encouraging its members to join in the struggle for a more just world. I commend the dedicated officers and board members of The DBA for their commitment to justice and equality for all.

Tonight, members and supporters of The DBA gather to recognize two organizations and individuals who have made noteworthy contributions to the Latino community. Congratulations to the evening's honorees, Lucy Lopez, Justice Helen Voutsinas, the National Supermarket Association and the Dominican Medical-Dental Society, for their unwavering support of The DBA and the Latino legal community. 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 and many more years of promoting fairness and justice for all.

Sincerely,

Eric Gonzalez
Brooklyn District Attorney



NEW YORK STATE ASSEMBLY

October 2, 2021

Dear Friends:

Please accept my sincere greetings and congratulations as you gather for the Dominican Bar Association's (DBA) 18th Annual Scholarship Gala.

Dedicated to supporting and advancing Latinos in the legal profession and providing services to the Latino Community at large, the DBA has developed many integral programs and initiatives to this cause.

The DBA provides members with scholarships and mentorship to law students, educational and informative programs and networking opportunities. As you take the opportunity to honor individuals and organizations that have made noteworthy contributions to the Latinx community – especially during this unprecedented time of the COVID-19 pandemic – you continue to raise funds for the DBA law student scholarship fund. You can all be proud of the work you have done to uplift Latinx communities.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate tonight's honorees: Lucy M. Lopez, Head of Legal for the Americas & Deputy Counsel, McKinsey & Company, Inc., *Lifetime Achievement Award* recipient; Honorable Helen Voutsinas, Justice, 10th Circuit, New York State Supreme Court, *Judicial Excellence Award* recipient; the National Supermarket Association and the Dominican Medical-Dental Society, recipients of the *Community Trailblazers Award*; as well as special congratulations to this year's scholarship recipients. I join with their friends and families in saluting them for a job well done.

Again, congratulations to tonight's honorees and best wishes to the Dominican Bar Association for your continued success.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Carl E. Heastie".

CARL E. HEASTIE
Speaker



THE CITY OF NEW YORK
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October 2, 2021

Dear Friends:

It is a great pleasure to welcome everyone to the Dominican Bar Association's 18th Annual Scholarship Gala.

A diverse and dynamic legal community is central to establishing and maintaining a justice system that promotes equality and progress, and for more than three decades, the Dominican Bar Association has demonstrated exemplary leadership in furthering these ideals. By working to uplift Latino law students and attorneys, encourage community engagement and academic success through its scholarship program, and provide young people with the mentorship opportunities and support they need to reach their fullest potential, DBA empowers those it serves and fosters greater representation of Latino New Yorkers in our city's legal sector. As you come together to celebrate the vital contributions made by this year's honorees in support of this organization's mission, I am pleased to join in recognizing all that DBA and its members have achieved and in looking forward to everything they will continue to accomplish in the years ahead.

On behalf of the City of New York, congratulations to this year's honorees. I offer my best wishes for a wonderful gala and continued success.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Bill de Blasio".

Bill de Blasio
Mayor



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September 29, 2021

Doralyn De Dios
President
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Dear Ms. De Dios:

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 join for the 18th 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 profession 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 meaningfully exceptional contributions to the Latino community and we acclaim the mission of the Dominican Bar Association. The unwavering dedication and support that the Dominican Bar Association has given to our communities is truly preeminent.

On behalf of all 2.6 million Brooklynites, we salute you, for the exemplary 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 this year's honorees who are duly being awarded for generously supporting the noble mission and work of the Dominican Bar Association throughout the years. Finally, I thank everyone for helping us move forward together as *One Brooklyn*.

Sincerely,

Eric L. Adams
Brooklyn Borough President

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Dear Members of the Dominican Bar Association,

I would like very much to thank you for creating The Dominican Bar Association Scholarship for Pre-Law Excellence at John Jay College.

The Pre-Law Institute helps develop our student's academic and professional skills and advises them on their law school applications—all in hopes of diversifying the legal profession. A crucial part of our work is not only to provide students with opportunities to prepare for the LSAT, which as you know, is a critical component for law school admission, but also provide them with resources that help them matriculate successfully toward degree completion. In a profession where lawyers of color make up less than ten percent of all lawyers, receiving additional financial support for our students is a vital component in helping them to realize their dreams of becoming lawyers and for diversifying our nation's bar.

By way of context, at John Jay, which is both a Hispanic Serving Institution (HSI) and a Minority Serving Institution (MSI), 47% of our students are the first in their families to go to college and a majority comes from households with an average income of \$30,000 or less. However, we instill in our students that their background is not a liability, but an asset. As national and local events of the past few years—along with a long-term demographic shift—have demonstrated, it is essential that we have a legal profession that represents the demographic diversity of our country. For the last 15 years, we here at John Jay College have been striving to create opportunities for students from groups that have for too long been underrepresented in our profession. While there remains much work yet to be done, we are pleased to see that our efforts are yielding dividends. In the past few years, John Jay College has become one of the top national producers of minority applicants to law school. Our remarkable success in this important mission is in large part due to the generosity of partners like the DBA and we look forward to working closely with you in the future.

Thank you for partnering with us.

Sincerely,



Charles Davidson, Ph.D



October 2, 2021

The Dominican Bar Association
1324 East Gunhill Road
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Dear Friends,

Welcome to the Dominican Bar Association's 18th Annual Scholarship Gala, an opportunity to recognize the next generation of Latino leaders and the significant contributions they have made throughout our community.

Dominican Americans have made indelible contributions to every sector within New York City – especially within the legal community. The Dominican Bar Association has remained at the forefront of efforts to provide professional development and networking opportunities to its members as well as vital services to the Latino legal community.


Congratulations to each of this year's honorees: **Lucy Lopez**, Head of Legal for the Americas & Deputy General Counsel at McKinsey & Company, Inc; the Honorable **Helen Voutsinas**; the **National Supermarket Association**; and the **Dominican Medical-Dental Society** – each recognized for their dedication and commitment to the goals and missions of the Dominican Bar Association to empower and promote the advancement of Latinos within the legal community.

Thank you, President Doralyn De Dios and all DBA members, for your efforts and congratulations 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 the highest esteem and best wishes,

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Adriano Espaillat
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The New York State Bar Association (NYSBA) has been the voice of the legal profession in New York state for more than 140 years. NYSBA is committed to diversity in its membership, officers, staff, House of Delegates, Executive Committee, Sections and Committees and their respective leaders. Diversity is an inclusive concept, encompassing gender, race, color, ethnic origin, national origin, religion, sexual orientation, age and disability. With members in 50 states and over 100 countries worldwide, our membership has grown to over 70,000, and we are excited to see that number climb as we embark on the launch of the Virtual Bar Center in 2020.

The Business Law Section, with a membership of approximately 3,500, is one of the largest Sections of the New York State Bar Association. Its members consist of attorneys whose practice involves some aspect of commerce or finance. Thus, the practice of the members is quite diverse – ranging from securities to banking, bankruptcy to consumer finance, franchising to insurance, among many others. To accommodate this breadth of practice, the Business Law Section has a range of committees that offer the practitioner with business clients information in similarly diverse areas: Bankruptcy; Banking; Business Organizations; Franchise, Distribution and Licensing, Derivatives and Structured Products; Securities Regulation; and the constantly evolving area of Technology and Venture Law. These Committees meet regularly to review current developments in their areas. Members enjoy the benefit of participating in discussions of developments in the business and financial services world and the opportunity to expand their professional network. Attendance at committee meetings and other scheduled Section meetings often can fulfill MCLE requirements.

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