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13TH ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP GALA

SEPTEMBER 20, 2016
BATTERY GARDENS, NYC

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(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 and, 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 extraction 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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EMPOWER OUR COMMUNITY.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



DBA Members, Friends and Supporters:

On behalf of your 2016 Board of Directors and I, thank you for joining us tonight as we raise scholarship funds and recognize three deserving honorees who have demonstrated a longstanding commitment to our community. Tonight, we also gather to celebrate all that The Dominican Bar Association ("The DBA") has accomplished this year, none of which would have been possible without you.

Two years ago, when my law school classmate (and current DBA Vice President) Joel Acevedo suggested that I merely "attend" The DBA's Election meeting, I could not have imagined that a year later I would be leading this wonderful organization. A recent law school graduate who simultaneously began her term as President, and her career at a District Attorney's Office, this year has been challenging, to say the least. However, just as "it takes a village to raise a child," it has taken the village present tonight to make this year an incredibly successful one and for that I am thankful.

When your 2016 Board met on a Saturday in January for its first Board meeting, I shared that my goal for the coming year was to continue raising the organization's profile within our profession. The extent to which this Board has accomplished that has exceeded all of my expectations. Tonight's theme "Reaching New Heights: Elevating Nuestra Comunidad" is the mantra that has motivated this Board to work tirelessly for the last 10 months.

To that end, we launched our "Let's Chat" series, an opportunity for members of the legal community to have frank conversations in an intimate setting. In the first half of 2016 alone, we hosted three such events where those in attendance heard from leaders within the profession on the importance of being on the radar of the "decision makers" at their workplace and our second panel focused on using one's law degree outside of the courtroom. The third event was particularly special as we commemorated Women's History Month with an intimate conversation with newly elected Bronx District Attorney Darcel Clark, whose work I have long admired.

In addition to the "Let's Chat" series, The DBA continued to have law students, attorneys and judges visit New York City public high schools through its High School Law Day Program, and also hosted several Legal Workshops, to educate the community on a variety of pertinent legal topics in Spanish. Thank you to everyone who volunteered their time! I encourage each of you to join us as we "reach new heights" while "elevating nuestra comunidad" by emailing dominicanbarassoc@gmail.com.

To close, I want to share what an honor it has been to serve as your 2016 President. It has been my pleasure to work with so many individuals that are just as committed to this organization's ideals as I am. To my mom, dad, sister, grandmother and friends who have been incredibly supportive and understanding during this past year, I could not have done this without you. And to my Board: Joel, Miguelina, Patria, Maria, Elsa, Maritza, Renton, Vianny, Jaclyn, Edda and Carla, thank you for all your hard work and everything that we accomplished this year!

Sincerely,

Queenie Paniagua, Esq

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PRESENTATION OF STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

INTRODUCTION BY **EDDA SANTIAGO**,
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CLOSING REMARKS

QUEENIE PANIAGUA
DBA PRESIDENT

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Kaye Scholer is proud to support the Dominican Bar Association in its ongoing efforts to promote the advancement of Latinos within the legal community and empower the Latino community at large.

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ANDREW M. CUOMO
GOVERNOR

September 20, 2016

Dear Friends:

It is a pleasure to send greetings to everyone gathered for the 13th Annual Scholarship Gala of the Dominican Bar Association (DBA).

New York State is proud to host this event which brings together your members who share a common professional affiliation and pride in your Dominican ancestry. For over thirty years, the DBA has exemplified a proud tradition of responsible jurisprudence upheld by justices and attorneys across this state and nation who work to preserve the civility of our society, protect individual rights, and improve the quality of life for all.

This evening you pay tribute to several distinguished honorees – Miguel Alexander Pozo, the Honorable Llinét Beltré Rosado, and Sidley Austin LLP – for their valuable contributions to the Latino community. I join in congratulating them on being expressly acknowledged for their efforts to advance and support the DBA's mission.

You also recognize that educational opportunities can open doors for youth, and I applaud your commitment to supporting the goals of aspiring students of law through your generous scholarship program. Your intellect, leadership, and accomplishments as members of our legal and judicial systems are certain to inspire the next generations to achieve great things.

Warmest regards and best wishes to all.

Sincerely,

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ANDREW M. CUOMO

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THE CITY OF NEW YORK
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September 20, 2016

Dear Friends:

I am delighted to welcome everyone to the Dominican Bar Association's 13th Annual Scholarship Gala.

New York's thriving Dominican American population has made invaluable contributions to every sector throughout the five boroughs, including the legal and judicial fields that are so vital to our security, economic strength and system of justice. Since its establishment, DBA has advanced diversity in legal professions by providing opportunities for Latino law students and attorneys to network, develop their skills and further their careers. The Association has also demonstrated a great commitment to service through its scholarship and mentorship programs, participation in high school career fairs, pro bono legal clinics, and advocacy regarding issues that impact the Latino community. I applaud the organization's members and supporters for their efforts to unite and uplift Dominican New Yorkers and empower the next generation of leaders to rise. Together, we are forging a brighter, more just and inclusive future for all.

On behalf of the City of New York, congratulations to this year's honorees. Please accept my best wishes for a festive evening and continued success.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bill de Blasio".

Bill de Blasio
Mayor



NEW YORK STATE ASSEMBLY

September 20, 2016

Dear Friends:

Please accept my sincere greetings as you gather for The Dominican Bar Association's 13th Annual Scholarship Gala.

Founded to help future generations of Latinos, The Dominican Bar Association (DBA) has grown into a vibrant organization of legal professionals and law students, supporting Latino members of the legal profession. DBA represents the interests of attorneys, judges, law professors and students of Latino descent who share a common interest in fostering professional development in the legal community, addressing issues, and new initiatives to help the Latino community.

I am delighted to offer my congratulations to tonight's honorees – Miguel Alexander Pozo, Deputy General Counsel and Head of Litigation for Mercedes-Benz USA, LLC, and former President of the Hispanic National Bar Association; Hon. Llinét Beltré Rosado, Acting Justice of the Supreme Court; and the law firm of Sidley Austin LLP. All the honorees can be proud of all they have accomplished in their professional careers and of the tremendous support they have given to The Dominican Bar Association. I join with their family and friends in saluting them for a job well done.

Again, congratulation to tonight's honorees and the law students receiving scholarships. Best wishes to The Dominican Bar Association for continued success.

Sincerely,

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CARL E. HEASTIE
Speaker



MELISSA MARK-VIVERITO
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September 20, 2016

Dear Friends:

Greetings to everyone gathered here tonight at the Dominican Bar Association (the DBA)'s 13th Annual Scholarship Gala!

Legal organizations like the DBA are vital to our city in so many ways.

In addition to providing important legal services to those in need, they help maintain and strengthen our city's justice system.

They also serve as key allies in our efforts to create a more equal and just New York City, where everyone, regardless of what borough they are from or what challenges they face, has equal access to justice.

As they celebrate their annual scholarship gala tonight, I would like to thank the DBA and its dedicated members for the critically important work that they are doing to help advance Latino members – particularly those of Dominican ancestry – within the legal community and ensure that New York lives up to its promise of equal justice for all. Your work and advocacy on behalf of the greater Latino community has greatly strengthened and uplifted our entire city, and we are deeply grateful for your efforts.

Congratulations as well to this year's honorees.

I hope everyone has a wonderful time tonight. Enjoy!

Sincerely,

MELISSA MARK-VIVERITO
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September 20, 2016

The Dominican Bar Association
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Dear Friends,

Congratulations on the occasion of your 13th Annual Scholarship Gala, a time to reflect and be proud of your organization's accomplishments in New York City and The Bronx throughout the years.

This wonderful event offers us a chance to recognize your organization's efforts and commitment to create and sustain a supportive community for Dominicans across our great borough and throughout New York City. I commend you for upholding your core mission of promoting the advancement of Latinos within the legal community and the empowerment of the Hispanic community at large.

I offer my most heartfelt congratulations to your honorees: Miguel Alexander Pozo -- Deputy General Counsel & Head of Litigation at Mercedes-Benz LLC, the honorable Llinet Beltrè Rosado -- former President of the Hispanic National Bar Association and acting Justice of Supreme Court, and the firm Sidley Austin LLP -- for their commitment to diversity and inclusion and to a stronger, more just legal system.

On behalf of the 1.4 million residents of The Bronx I salute The Dominican Bar Association, wishing you all continued success.

Sincerely,

Ruben Diaz Jr.

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September 20th, 2016

Dear Friends,

I am honored to welcome everyone to The Dominican Bar Association's 13th Annual Scholarship Gala entitled *New Heights: Elevating Nuestra Comunidad* at Battery Gardens.

Throughout its existence, The Dominican Bar Association (DBA) has supported the advancement of Latino(a) legal professionals and law students alike. Particularly, DBA has inspired leadership within the Dominican legal community with many of them serving on its Board. Serving as a hub of resources, the DBA aims to support its members and encourages them to thrive in their profession. The DBA's ongoing commitment to providing free legal workshops and aiding communities facing barriers and experiencing hardships reminds us how a united front is a prosperous one.

This evening, I would like to join DBA in congratulating this year's honorees Miguel Alexander Pozo, Deputy General Counsel & Head of Litigation at Mercedes-Benz USA LLC and former President of the Hispanic National Bar Association, the Honorable Llinét Beltré Rosado, Acting Justice of the Supreme Court and Sidley Austin LLP for its pledge to diversity and inclusion and for its unwavering support of the DBA.

My best wishes for a delightful evening and the ongoing advancement of all Latinos within the legal professions. I am looking forward to the new heights and accomplishments which will be reached by our next generation of leaders.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Antonio Reynoso", followed by a horizontal line.

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The Dominican Bar Association
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September 20, 2016

To the Leaders and the Members of The Dominican Bar Association:

It is my pleasure to send greetings and best wishes from the New York State Bar Association to everyone at The Dominican Bar Association's 13th Annual Scholarship Gala.

The Dominican Bar Association is a vibrant force in the legal community and at the grassroots level in the New York City area. Your Community Legal Workshops – where law students under the supervision of an attorney member present, in Spanish, to community members on topics such as landlord-tenant and family court issues – help the Latino community and instill in law students the value of giving back. Your “Let’s Chat” series offers practical advice for career advancement. To prime the diversity pipeline to the profession, you bring the law to students at area high schools, showing young people that they, too, could have a career in the law. And you offer scholarships to students who choose the law. Congratulations to all of this year’s scholarship recipients.

Tonight, I also join you in honoring Miguel Alexander Pozo, a past president of the Hispanic National Bar Association, and the Honorable Llinét Beltré Rosado, Acting Justice of the New York State Supreme Court, and in recognizing Sidley Austin LLP for its commitment to diversity and inclusion and its unwavering support of The Dominican Bar Association.

But most of all, I want to congratulate The Dominican Bar Association for your commitment to the educational futures of Latino youth, your support for law students, your guidance to members and your contributions to the wellbeing of the Latino community. You give of your time, talent and intellect, and you get results. I look forward to your continued success and hope to collaborate with you on projects of mutual interest during my term as NYSBA President.

With warmest regards,

Claire P. Gutekunst

Claire P. Gutekunst

HONOREE



MIGUEL ALEXANDER POZO

Deputy General Counsel & Head of Litigation,
Mercedes-Benz USA, LLC

Miguel Alexander Pozo is a lawyer, national leader, trusted advisor, strategist, and connector. Mr. Pozo currently serves as the Deputy General Counsel and Head of Litigation for Mercedes-Benz USA, LLC (“MBUSA”) which is headquartered in Atlanta, Georgia. Prior to working from MBUSA, Mr. Pozo was a commercial litigator and home-grown partner at Lowenstein Sandler LLP, a 315-lawyer, nationally recognized AmLaw 200 law firm. Mr. Pozo spent nearly 16 years in the firm’s Roseland office before relocating to Washington, DC in June 2014 to open the firm’s Washington, DC office.

During his tenure at Lowenstein, Mr. Pozo developed especially deep expertise representing clients in the luxury goods industry in trademark and employment law matters. He has served as counsel to some of the world’s most recognizable brands, including Mercedes-Benz, LVMH Moët Hennessy Louis Vuitton Inc., TAG Heuer, Christian Dior, Hublot, Thomas Pink, The Juilliard School, and The New Jersey Performing Arts Center (NJPAC), to name a few.

Mr. Pozo’s work representing Fortune 500 corporations and other businesses has garnered him numerous professional awards. For instance, he has been named a “Super Lawyer” by Super Lawyers magazine for his experience in business litigation since 2010. In 2011, he received the “Professional Lawyer of the Year” Award from the New Jersey Commission on Professionalism in the Law. In May 2015, he received the New Jersey Law Journal’s first-ever “Lifetime Achievement Award.” In 2014, he was listed on the Lawyers of Color “Power List,” a comprehensive catalog of the nation’s most influential minority attorneys. In 2013, he was featured on the Hispanic Business’ list of “50 Hispanic Influentials” in the United States.

Mr. Pozo is a past president of the Hispanic Bar Association of New Jersey (“HBA-NJ”) and the 36th National President of the Hispanic National Bar Association (“HNBA”), after spending 10 years on its Board of Governors and having served in various leadership roles including HNBA National Finance Director. Among Mr. Pozo’s accomplishments as HNBA National President was the creation of the HNBA/Walmart “Latina Leadership Academy” designed to help Latinas to advance in the legal profession by removing obstacles to their success. During Mr. Pozo’s term, the HNBA also broke several fundraising records, including raising over \$2 million in one fiscal year.

In 2009, Mr. Pozo was twice recognized as one of New Jersey’s top “40 under 40” lawyers by the New Jersey Law Journal magazine and NJBiz magazine. Additionally, in 2008, he was featured in Essence magazine, for his community service efforts. He was the only attorney on that year’s list, which included 50 professional men from across the country.

A frequent guest speaker, Mr. Pozo has traveled across the country delivering speeches, including commencement speeches at Arizona Summit School of Law (Juris Doctor, 2012) and Bloomfield College (Doctor of Laws, 2013), both of which awarded him honorary degrees.

Mr. Pozo received his undergraduate degree from Hofstra University, where he was President of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. He earned his law degree from Rutgers University School of Law-Newark, where he was Managing Editor of the Rutgers Race and the Law Review.

HONOREE



HON. LLINÉT BELTRÉ ROSADO

Acting Justice of Supreme Court

Judge Llinét Beltré Rosado emigrated to the United States from the Dominican Republic at the age of four with her three sisters, all of whom were raised by their mother in New York City's Lower East Side.

Judge Beltré Rosado graduated from SUNY Albany and then obtained her Juris Doctor from Albany Law School in 1997, after which she began her career at the Criminal Defense Division of the Legal Aid Society. She subsequently worked at the Children Law's Center representing children. In 1999, Judge Beltré Rosado also became a professor at Hostos Community College where she continues to teach various law courses today.

During her legal career, Judge Beltré Rosado was a court attorney to the Honorable Manuel J. Mendez (Supreme Court, New York County), the Honorable Sallie Manzanet-Daniels (Associate Justice, First Department) and the Honorable Robert E. Torres (Administrative Judge, Bronx Criminal Term). She is admitted in the First Judicial District, the Eastern and Southern Districts of New York and the United States Supreme Court.

As an attorney, Judge Beltré Rosado served on the boards of various organizations including The Dominican Bar Association, Community Board's 4 and 9 of the Bronx, the Association of Law Secretaries of the Supreme and Surrogate's Courts in the City of New York, the Council District 17th Round Table Advisory Committee and Bronx Legal Services of New York.

On November 6, 2012, Judge Beltré Rosado was elected to the Civil Court of Bronx County where she presided over custody cases in Bronx Family Court. Then in 2016, she was transferred to Bronx Supreme Court and currently presides over consumer credit cases in Civil Court, contested and uncontested divorces in Supreme Court and arraignments in Bronx Criminal Court.

Currently, Judge Beltré Rosado is a member of the Latino Judges Association, the New York City Family Court Judges Association, the Bronx Bar Association, The Dominican Bar Association, a board member of the Bronx Women's Bar Association, and Vice President of the Bronx Catholic Guild. In addition to her involvement with the aforementioned organizations, Judge Beltré Rosado is committed to giving back to her community and has volunteered as a coach for the Thurgood Marshall Mock Trial Competition since 2008. In 2013 and 2016, Judge Beltré Rosado led her respective teams to win the competition. Additionally, Judge Beltré Rosado also volunteers with The Dominican Bar Association's High School Law Day Program, in which attorneys and judges visit New York City public high schools to encourage students to excel in their studies and consider a career in the law.

Judge Beltré Rosado's success and contributions have been recognized by numerous individuals and organizations, including at Assemblywoman Carmen E. Arroyo's 18th annual Entre Nosotras awards luncheon, the Universidad de Acción Pro Educación y Cultura of the Dominican Republic's 2012 Dominican Week, the Bronx Times, the New York City Consulate General of the Embassy of the Dominican Republic in the United States and Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz, Jr., to name a few.

Judge Beltré Rosado is married to Armando Rosado, a private investigator, and they have two sons, Elias and Nickolas. The entire family holds Semi-Black belts in Tae Kwon Do.

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Sidley is a premier law firm with a practice highly attuned to the ever-changing international landscape. The firm has built a reputation as an adviser for global business, with more than 1,900 lawyers in 20 offices worldwide. Sidley maintains a commitment to providing quality legal services and to offering advice in litigation, transactional and regulatory matters spanning virtually every area of law. The firm's lawyers have wide-reaching legal backgrounds and are dedicated to teamwork, collaboration and superior client service.

Sidley has long been a pioneer in creating opportunities for lawyers of all backgrounds, regardless of gender, race, ethnicity, national origin, sexual orientation, religion, disability, gender expression or other characteristics. Sidley considers both diversity and inclusion as critical components of a quality work environment and exceptional client service. Our mission is to attract, retain and promote to partnership and leadership outstanding lawyers who reflect the global marketplace and communities that we serve. Spearheading Sidley's diversity and inclusion efforts are two partner-led committees, the Diversity Committee and the Committee on Retention and Promotion of Women (CRPW).

Our commitment to promoting and maintaining a culture of diversity and inclusion is exemplified by a host of programs and initiatives focused on recruiting, retaining and developing the careers of diverse and women lawyers at Sidley and, more broadly, in the legal profession. This includes creating and supporting pipeline programs such as the Sidley Prelaw Scholars Program, the Sidley Diversity & Inclusion Scholarship and the Sidley 1L Diversity Mentorship Program. The Diversity Committee also focuses on helping diverse associates thrive at the firm by providing comprehensive orientation, integration and skill-building programs and building effective mentoring programs. In addition, the CRPW pursues strategies to maximize the firm's success in retaining women lawyers, promoting women associates to partnership and promoting women partners to positions of authority and power within the firm. Sidley has also undertaken a consistent educational program on issues such as implicit bias, inter-generational work teams and cross-cultural communication.

This year, we are celebrating the 150th anniversary of the founding of the firm. Our anniversary serves as a platform to educate and expand relationships with our clients and alumni, highlight our commitment to our communities and reinforce our shared culture across all offices no matter where in the world we live or work.

2016 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



LORENA JIRON

Fordham University School of Law, Class of 2017

Lorena Michelle Jiron was born in Miami, Florida to a mother who emigrated from Nicaragua and a father from the Dominican Republic. They parted ways when Lorena was young, and her mother raised her alone. After a successful primary education, Lorena studied at Middlebury College in Vermont. She graduated from Middlebury in 2009 with a Bachelor's degree, the first member of her family to do so. Unfortunately, Lorena's mother, Martha, passed away shortly after Lorena's graduation. Before starting law school, Lorena embarked on an adventure and travelled to the Middle East. There, she lived and worked in Egypt for close to a year before going to Afghanistan to work at a school for girls.

Lorena is now a third year at Fordham Law School, where she is a Stein Scholar, an Associate Editor of the International Law Journal, a competitor and board member on the law school's Moot Court Team, and Fordham's LALSA President. Last year, Lorena successfully advocated for Metro LALSA's 6th Annual Pa'lante Conference to be held at Fordham in 2016. She was also the Conference's Chair. As Lorena pursues her Juris Doctor at Fordham, she is also pursuing a Master of Arts in French at her undergraduate alma mater Middlebury College.



KATHERINE NUÑEZ

Columbia Law School, Class of 2019

Katherine Nuñez is a Dominican-Brooklyn native who graduated from Williams College in the spring of 2016 with a Bachelor of Arts in American Studies and minors in Africana Studies, Latinx Studies, and Global Studies. During her time at Williams, she studied abroad in Brazil for a year where she learned to speak Portuguese and dance samba. She is an avid dancer who enjoys learning about different cultures through movement, and has been a member of various dance companies ranging in styles from Latin to West African. As the chair of Ritmo Latino, the Latin dance team at Williams College, Katherine found it important to celebrate diversity and tolerance of cultures, which she executed by organizing and managing a benefit dinner and performance for the Berkshire Immigrant Center.

Katherine is very interested in child welfare and education reform. This has guided her decision to volunteer for various organizations such as Legal Outreach, Dream Charter School, Children's Rights and the Council on International Educational Exchange as a teacher and/or researcher. Currently, Katherine is in her first year at Columbia Law School.



ALEXIS R. BUENO

Pace University School of Law, Class of 2019

A Dominican-Bronx native, Alexis Bueno is the youngest of three and the first in her family to graduate from college. Alexis attended Adelphi University and graduated cum laude with a dual Bachelors degree in Criminal Justice and Sociology. While there, she received several academic excellence recognitions and awards. She was also inducted into the Criminal Justice Honor Society and the Sociology Honor Society. At Adelphi, Alexis volunteered for the Alternative Spring break program, which allowed her to travel to Costa Rica and perform service activities and was involved with the Latin American Students Organization. She was also Vice President of Females Of Culture United for Success (FOCUS), in which she organized the annual Gala to raise money for school supplies for children in Kenya and local bi-lingual schools. Presently, Alexis is a first year at Pace Law School who envisions a legal career committed to public service.



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