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Chamberlain Hrdlicka Shareholder Diana Gomez takes office as President of the Houston Bar Association

Houston Bar Association welcomes Diana Gomez as the 2023-24 President and the first Latina at the helm of the 153-Year Association

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The Houston Bar Association (HBA) welcomed Diana Gomez, shareholder in Chamberlain Hrdlicka's Houston office, as the 2023-2024 HBA President during the organization's Annual Dinner held on May 11, 2023 at the River Oaks Country Club. Gomez is the first Latina president of the 153-year-old organization. Gomez's priorities for the organization include fostering community service, increasing attorney engagement, and reinvigorating pipeline programs.

"We are thrilled to celebrate Diana's investiture and this historic first for the Houston Bar Association," said HBA Executive Director Mindy Davidson. "On behalf of the HBA staff, I want to express our appreciation to Diana for everything she has done in her years of service to the HBA so far, and we look forward to working with her in this exciting year ahead."

"Diana Gomez not only provides skilled advocacy for her clients, she uses her time and talents to bring people together to implement real changes that positively impact the legal profession and the Houston community," said Justice Brett Busby, Supreme Court of Texas. "Houstonians are fortunate to have her leading the Houston Bar Association this year."

"It's a privilege to serve as HBA president, continuing the important work started by my predecessors and implementing new initiatives," said Gomez. "In addition to ongoing attorney engagement efforts and pipeline programs, I will focus on increasing access to justice with programs such as the HBA's inaugural multi-practice bench bar conference and the installation of L.A.W. (Legal Access Workspace) Pods to extend our law library services beyond downtown to the greater Houston community."

"All of us at Chamberlain Hrdlicka are proud of the work that Diana has done for the Houston Bar Association for many years, and we are particularly proud to have her take the helm as President," said Larry Campagna, Managing Shareholder of Chamberlain Hrdlicka. "Diana is a special leader, and she makes a positive difference in every organization she serves."

Gomez is a shareholder at Chamberlain Hrdlicka, where she serves on the firm's Board of Directors, as the national co-chair for the labor and employment practice, as well as the national chair for the Pro Bono Committee. With extensive experience in civil lawsuits in state and federal courts, she focuses on complex labor and employment disputes by providing a full range of employment law services, including

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pre-termination counseling, investigations, EEO training, handbook review, drafting of policies, defense in administrative proceedings (EEOC charges, unemployment hearings) and arbitrations, as well as handling all aspects of trial, from pre-suit through appeal. Diana has successfully defended all types of employment law matters in state and federal court including claims involving non-competes, discrimination, retaliation, FLSA, and ERISA.

Gomez holds a bachelor's degree in political science from Texas A&M University and received her law degree from the University of Texas at Austin. Very involved in the legal community, she is a co-chair for District Four of the Texas Bar Foundation. As HBA president, she sits on the HBA Board of Directors, and also serves as chair of the Judicial Polls Committee and the Employment and Personnel Committee. She has previously served in numerous other HBA committee chair positions and volunteer roles, including the County Law Library Committee, the Law and the Media Committee, the Dispute Resolution Committee, the Administration of Justice Committee for the Criminal District/Appellate Bench Bar Conference, and the Harvest Celebration Fundraising Committee. She is the past president of the Hispanic Bar Association of Houston, where she currently sits on the Board of Directors. She has also served on the Board of Directors for the Mexican-American Bar Association of Houston, as a member of the Harris County Bench Bar Pro Bono Awards Committee, and as a committee member for the inaugural and second Southern District of Texas Houston/Galveston Bench-Bar Conferences. Furthermore, she has also served on the Board of Directors for the Houston Zoo Development Corporation.

In recognition of her professional accomplishments and community involvement, Diana has been named one of "Houston's 50 Most Influential Women of 2020-21" by *Houston Woman Magazine*. She was named to the Texas Super Lawyers list by Super Lawyers® consecutively every year since 2013 and was among the Texas Super Lawyers' 2020 Top Women. She was also named to Best Lawyers in America 2022 and 2023. Additional accolades include: Top Lawyer in 2017 - 2022 by *Houstonia Magazine*; the Latina Lawyer Under 40 Award from the Mexican American Bar Association of Texas Foundation in 2012; the HBA's President's Award in 2016 and 2019; the Hispanic Bar Association of Houston's President's Award in 2007, 2009, 2015 and 2019; the Local Heroes Recognition by the Houston Lawyer Magazine in 2009; and the Woodrow B. Seals Outstanding Young Lawyer of Houston Award from Houston Young Lawyers Association in 2008. She is a Life Fellow of the American Bar Foundation, Texas Bar Foundation, and the Houston Bar Foundation.

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