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Texas Bar Foundation names Diana Pérez Gomez as 2021-22 Nominating Chair for District 4

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Diana Pérez Gomez, shareholder with national law firm, Chamberlain Hrdlicka, has been selected to serve as a 2021-2022 Texas Bar Foundation's Nominating Chair for District 4. Nominating Chairs for each of the 17 State Bar of Texas districts identify elite nominees to join the Foundation as Fellows.

Nominating Chairs of the Foundation are selected for their outstanding professional achievements and their demonstrated commitment to the Texas Bar Foundation. Selection is a mark of distinction and recognition of Gomez's contributions to the legal profession.

Gomez is a shareholder at Chamberlain Hrdlicka's Houston office, 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 to her clients from pre-termination counseling, investigations, EEO training, handbook review, drafting of policies, COVID-19 plans, defense in administrative proceedings (EEOC charges, unemployment hearings) and arbitrations as well as all aspects of trial from pre-suit through appeal. Gomez has successfully defended all types of employment law matters in state and federal court including claims involving ERISA, FLSA, discrimination, and retaliation.

Between 2008 and 2009, she has served as the Chief of Staff at U.S. Department of Education Office of Planning, Evaluation and Policy Development in Washington D.C. Her government experience also includes serving as a committee member on the City of Houston Mayor's Transition Team - Education Committee, as vice chair of the City of Houston Municipal Civil Service Commission, vice chair of the City of Houston Police Officers' and Fire Fighters' Civil Service Commission, and as a commissioner on the Harris County Sheriff's Civil Service Commission.

Gomez holds bachelor's degree in political science from the Texas A&M University and has 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. She sits on the Board of Directors of the Houston Bar Association (HBA), where she currently serves as the treasurer and chair of the HBA's County Law Library Committee and the HBA's Employment and Personnel Committee. She has previously served in numerous other HBA committee chair positions and volunteer

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roles, including the Law and the Media Committee, HBA Dispute Resolution Committee, HBA Ambassador, HBA's Administration of Justice Committee for the Criminal District/Appellate Bench Bar Conference, and HBA's 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 sits on the Board of Directors for the Houston Zoo Development Corporation.

Recipient of many accolades, Gomez 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 selected as a Top Lawyer in 2017, 2019 and 2020 by *Houstonia* Magazine; received Latina Lawyer Under 40 Award from the Mexican American Bar Association of Texas Foundation in 2012; was the recipient of the Houston Bar Association's President's Award in 2016; was a recipient of the Hispanic Bar Association of Houston's President's Award in 2007, 2009, 2015 and 2019; was awarded 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 the Life Fellow of the American Bar Foundation, Texas Bar Foundation and the Houston Bar Foundation.

Selection as a Fellow of the Texas Bar Foundation is restricted to members of the State Bar of Texas. Each year the top one-third of one percent of Texas attorneys are invited to become Fellows. Once nominees are selected, they must be elected by the Texas Bar Foundation Board of Trustees. Membership has grown from an initial 255 Charter Members in 1965 to more than 10,000 Fellows throughout Texas today. If you are a Fellow and have a recommendation for a new member, please contact your District Nominating Chair.

Founded by attorneys determined to assist the public and improve the profession of law, the Texas Bar Foundation has maintained its mission of using the financial contributions of its membership to enhance the rule of law and the system of justice in Texas. To date, the Texas Bar Foundation has distributed more than \$22 million throughout Texas to assist nonprofit organizations with a wide range of justice-related programs and services. More than \$1 million is projected to be distributed for grants this fiscal year.

