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Diana Perez Gomez Recognized by Houston Woman Magazine among Houston's 50 Most Influential Women of 2020-21

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Diana Perez Gomez, shareholder in Chamberlain Hrdlicka's Houston Labor & Litigation Practice, has been named one of "Houston's 50 Most Influential Women of 2020-21" by *Houston Woman Magazine*. Each of the honorees was nominated by a reader of *Houston Woman Magazine* and then selected by the staff of the publication.

According to Beverly Denver, publisher of *Houston Woman Magazine*, "Those selected as Houston's 50 Most Influential Women of 2020-21 have earned an enviable reputation for their expertise in a particular field or arena. They are knowledgeable, credible and trustworthy. The thoughts and actions of these women influence the thoughts and actions of others. It is our distinct pleasure to introduce these remarkable women to our readers and to others in our community."

In recognition of her professional accomplishments, Gomez was also recently invited to serve as a mentor during the 9th annual Bizwomen Mentoring Monday, held concurrently by the Houston Business Journal and sister publications in 40+ markets nationwide, offering career coaching to some 10,000 women looking to advance their careers.

Denver added, "Due to COVID issues, the popular recognition program was paused during the past two years. We here at Houston Woman Magazine couldn't be happier about its revival in 2022."

A celebration dinner, attended by honorees and guests, was held Thursday night, Feb. 24 at the Junior League of Houston. Included in the crowd were a number of past honorees; elected officials and celebrities. Since 2008, *Houston Woman Magazine* has published an annual, keepsake edition featuring Houston's 50 Most Influential Women of the Year.

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

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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 a bachelor's degree in political science from 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 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 - 2021 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.

