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THE CONNECTICUT HISPANIC BAR ASSOCIATION ELECTS NEW OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS

The Connecticut Hispanic Bar Association is pleased to announce its new slate of officers and Board Members for 2018-2019.

Marie C. Bertrand, Partner at Day Pitney LLP, succeeds Alfredo G. Fernández, Associate at Shipman & Goodwin LLP, as President.

The following individuals were elected as officers at the CHBA's annual meeting held on April 21, 2018:

- President-Elect: Jason Prueher, Attorney at The Flood Law Firm
- Vice President: Sandra San Emeterio, Project Manager Attorney at Statewide Legal Services of CT, Inc.
- Treasurer: Rosendo Garza, Associate at Day Pitney LLP
- Secretary: Patricia Jimenez, Associate at Reid and Riege, P.C.
- Director of Communications: Sandra Marin Lautier, Associate at Robinson and Cole

"It is my privilege to serve the CHBA as its President during the 2018-2019 term and lead it in its twenty-fifth year as an organization," said Mrs. Bertrand. "I am extremely fortunate that the founders of the CHBA and all of its prior leadership have laid such a strong foundation and created a network of attorneys who share a common purpose of serving the CHBA membership and the community. As in past years, the CHBA will continue to provide avenues for networking, mentorship and professional development to Latino/a lawyers in the State of Connecticut. With the help of our newly elected officers and Board Members, the CHBA expects to take a more active role this year in addressing issues facing Latino communities and we look forward to greater collaboration with organizations that have missions which overlap with our own."

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The CHBA is also pleased to announce that the following individuals were elected to its Board of Directors: Edwin D. Colon, Erick Diaz, Marilyn Díaz, Steven Hernandez, Jeanet Figueroa Laskos, William Malpica, Walter A. Menjívar, Sonia Pedraza and David C. Salazar-Austin.

Directors elected to the CHBA Board in 2017 whose terms continue during the 2018-2019 year are: Maggie Castinado, Gregory Chase, Hon. Matthew Dallas Gordon, Charleen Merced, Yazmin Rodríguez, Jessica Torres, Christina Williams, and Kean Zimmerman.

In addition, Andres Jimenez-Franck, a student at the University of Connecticut School of Law, and Aaron Arias, a student at Quinnipiac School of Law, were appointed to serve as Law Student Division Representatives.

ABOUT THE CHBA: Founded in 1993, the Connecticut Hispanic Bar Association works to enhance the visibility of Hispanic lawyers throughout the state; to facilitate communication and sharing of information and resources among our members; to serve as mentors to new attorneys and law students; and to assist the public and private sectors in achieving diversity in their law firms and legal departments. The CHBA also addresses issues impacting the Hispanic community, such as access to the courts, judicial diversity and other social challenges.