



2022 ANNUAL

# Gala

PROGRAM GUIDE



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Advancing Equity, Justice  
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# Gala

## EVENING PROGRAM

**Bold Legacy, Bolder Future**  
Advancing Equity, Justice and Leadership

### **MISTRESS OF CEREMONY**

Sonia Rincón, News Reporter, ABC7NY

### **WELCOME**

José Ramón González, Chair, LatinoJustice PRLDEF Board of Directors and  
Zoila Del Castillo, Co-chair, LatinoJustice PRLDEF Líderes Board

### **PRESENTATION OF PRO BONO PUBLICO and LUCERO AWARDS**

Ernest Ceberio and Roberto Concepción, Gala Co-chairs

### **DINNER and PREVIEW OF ORAL HISTORY FILM**

### **PRESIDENT'S REMARKS and PRESENTATION of LEGACY LEADERS AWARD**

Lourdes M. Rosado, LatinoJustice PRLDEF President & General Counsel, and  
Jesús Díaz, 3L Law Student, DePaul University College of Law

### **LATINOJUSTICE BOLDER FUTURE**

### **PRESENTATION of CORPORATE LEADER and RONALD J. TABAK COMMUNITY CHAMPION AWARDS**

Ernest Ceberio and Roberto Concepción, Gala Co-chairs

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# MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

**Lourdes M. Rosado** PRESIDENT & GENERAL COUNSEL, LATINOJUSTICE PRLDEF



*Saludos y bienvenidos,*

As we gather to celebrate LatinoJustice PRLDEF's 50th anniversary, I can't help but reflect on the challenges that the Latino community has faced over the past year. While the threats to our democracy make us all vulnerable, they weigh especially heavy on Latinx and other people of color.

This year, we have seen armed men wearing military tactical gear surrounding ballot boxes in Arizona to intimidate voters. We have seen governors treat asylum-seeking migrants as points-scoring chattel, luring them onto planes and buses to dump them in unknown places. We have seen Puerto Rico's electrical grid fail spectacularly yet again after a hurricane, five years after Hurricane Maria decimated the island and its resources, and after the U.S. Supreme Court reaffirmed Puerto Ricans' status as second-class citizens.

And there's more. We have seen the highest court in the land rule that women do not have a right to decide when or whether to make families and we will likely see affirmative action fall and, consequently, barriers to higher education go back up. We continue to see Latina-headed households have a net worth of five cents on the dollar for a household headed by a white man. And we see the police and carceral systems eat up the lives of too many of our youth and destroy families.

The situation appears grim. But losing hope is not an option now, just like fifty years ago, when our communities also faced difficult odds. Nuyoricans, whose parents had migrated massively from Puerto Rico, navigated poor living conditions, language barriers to education and employment, rigged redistricting and electoral processes, rampant discrimination and few opportunities for economic and professional advancement. The three young lawyers who came together in 1972 to start the Puerto Rican Legal Defense and Education Fund, much like those who started the Young Lords and ASPIRA and United Bronx Parents, harnessed burgeoning unrest to foster a movement backed by the community they served.

PRLDEF came out swinging, taking on early cases that opened doors and set humane baselines for the treatment of Puerto Ricans—demanding access to schooling, voting,

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**Lourdes M. Rosado** PRESIDENT & GENERAL COUNSEL, LATINOJUSTICE PRLDEF



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civil service jobs that helped create a middle class, and health and safety standards for migrant farmworkers recruited from Puerto Rico. And these victories set precedent that benefited people far outside New York's Puerto Rican community.



In the decades since then, our organization's work has continued to build on meaningful service and impact for Puerto Ricans and other Latinos. We have challenged anti-immigrant ordinances, warrantless raids by immigration enforcement, and discriminatory "stop and frisk" and "stop and rob" policing practices. We have collaborated to draw and defend maps fair to communities of color in five redistricting cycles. We have assisted Latinos in accessing vital disaster relief funds after 9/11, after Hurricane Maria and during the COVID-19 pandemic. And we have nurtured thousands of Latino lawyers and leaders through our CAP Leadership Institute programs.



And we are continuing to expand our reach, through offices in Orlando, Florida, and Austin, Texas, in addition to partnerships in other key states and in new areas of work to meet the moment.

Almost one in five people in the U.S. is Latino, but even as our communities have grown and evolved, we must remain vigilant to hold and expand our inalienable rights. PRLDEF was needed fifty years ago, and LatinoJustice PRLDEF is needed today.



My colleagues and I, along with the Board of Directors, our Líderes young professionals board, and thousands of stakeholders and allies, continue to carry out the work our founders launched. Our collective commitment is expressed in the theme of this year's Gala – *Bold Legacy, Bolder Future: Advancing Equity, Justice and Leadership*.

Thank you for joining us on this journey.

*¡Pa'lante!*

**Lourdes M. Rosado**

President & General Counsel, LatinoJustice PRLDEF

# MESSAGE FROM BOARD CHAIR

**José Ramón González** CHAIR, LATINOJUSTICE PRLDEF BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Greetings,

On behalf of the LatinoJustice Board of Directors, I am thrilled to welcome you to the 50th Anniversary Annual Awards Gala. Our gala theme this year—*Bold Legacy, Bolder Future*—truly reflects the impact this organization has had and will continue to have on the lives of millions of Latinos in this country. It is my honor and privilege to serve as the Chair of the Board of Directors.

I want to thank all the people who made this year's event possible, including my fellow board members, our gala committee, and volunteers. A special thank you to Lourdes Rosado, LatinoJustice's tenth President and General Counsel, and the staff whose work demonstrates that they have embraced the *Bolder Future* part of our 50th anniversary theme, by taking a bold approach to advancing equity, justice and leadership.

I also want to congratulate our honorees and thank each of them for their commitment to Latino communities and to advancing the mission of LatinoJustice PRLDEF.

Lastly, thank you to our sponsors and donors for their generous financial support. I am pleased to announce that, for the first time in its history, LatinoJustice PRLDEF reached the \$1M mark in Gala revenue—this is a remarkable achievement on many levels, and most importantly, it provides unrestricted funding to ensure that LatinoJustice PRLDEF has the resources needed to sustain this important work.

Enjoy tonight's celebration!

In solidarity,

**José Ramón González**

Chair, LatinoJustice PRLDEF Board of Directors



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## SPECIAL THANKS

### Gala Co-Chairs & 50th Anniversary Committee

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# GALA HONOREES

# 2022 HONOREE

## LEGACY LEADER

### Jorge Batista

**Co-Founder**, Puerto Rican Legal Defense and Education Fund (PRLDEF)



Jorge Batista leveraged his knowledge of constitutional law and a personal commitment to civil rights and the well-being of Puerto Ricans to co-found the Puerto Rican Legal Defense and Education Fund (PRLDEF) alongside Jorge Batista and Victor Marrero. Mr. Batista went on to serve as PRLDEF's third President & General Counsel and, in the mid-1980s, as Chair of the Board of Directors.

A graduate of Columbia University and with a J.D. from Yale Law School, Mr. Batista has devoted his energies to improving educational, health and housing opportunities for Latino and other residents of the Bronx, NY. As part of this mission, he served as General Counsel of the New York Model Cities Administration, South Bronx Neighborhood, President of the South Bronx Community Housing Corporation, President of the South Bronx Development Corporation, Deputy Borough President at the Office of the Bronx Borough President, Chairman of New York City Loft Board under the Koch Administration, Special Counsel to Catholic Charities and President of Misericordia Hospital in the Bronx.

A visionary and accomplished lawyer, Mr. Batista's also served in government as First Assistant Attorney General for the Office of the New York State Attorney General and in private practice as an attorney at Kelley Drye & Warren LLP. He has also been instrumental in supporting Boricua College and continues to serve as Legal Counsel for the school.

He has served as a Member of the New York State Board of Regents and on the Knights of Malta.

Mr. Batista's family—his spouse Margarita and children Lisa and Ravi—have provided major inspiration for and partnership in his commitment to community and social justice.

# 2022 HONOREE

## LEGACY LEADER

### The Hon. Victor Marrero **Co-Founder**, Puerto Rican Legal Defense and Education Fund (PRLDEF)



The Hon. Victor Marrero has devoted his life to public service at the federal, state and city levels. He was appointed as a U.S. District Judge for the Southern District of New York by President Bill Clinton in 1999.

Before becoming a judge, Mr. Marrero started his career in the public sector as an Assistant to New York City Mayor John Lindsay. Lindsay later appointed him as Assistant Administrator of the Model Cities Administration, and after that as Executive Director of the Department of City Planning. In this period, he co-founded the Puerto Rican Legal Defense and Education Fund with Jorge Batista and Cesar Perales, and served as the organization's first Board Chair. He continued working in government, as Special Counsel to New York City's Comptroller, Counsel to Governor Hugh Carey, Chairman of the New York City Planning Commission, Commissioner of the New York State Division of Housing and Community Renewal. He was also appointed by President Jimmy Carter to serve as Under Secretary in the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development.

In the 1980s and early 1990s, Mr. Marrero practiced law in the private sector, as a partner in the firm of Tufo & Zuccotti, then in Brown & Wood, where he headed the firm's work in real estate, land use and environmental law. President Bill Clinton appointed Mr. Marrero to represent the U.S. on the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations, and later to represent our country in the Organization of American States.

Mr. Marrero has actively participated in numerous civic and professional organizations as Director or Trustee, including: New York Public Library, American Museum of Natural History, State University of New York, Cooper Union, WNET Channel 13, New York City Partnership, and in various positions for Association of the Bar of the City of New York

Mr. Marrero graduated from New York University and from Yale Law School, where he was an editor of the Yale Law Journal. He is married to Veronica M. White. They have two children, Andrew and Robert.

# 2022 HONOREE

## LEGACY LEADER

### Cesar A. Perales **Co-Founder**, Puerto Rican Legal Defense and Education Fund (PRLDEF)



Cesar A. Perales has dedicated his life to service of the Latino community and all New Yorkers. The son of a Puerto Rican father and a Dominican mother, he was born and raised in New York City and graduated from the City College of New York and the Fordham University School of Law.

Soon after graduating law school, he joined the Mobilization for Youth Legal Unit, a project that would become the model for the federally funded neighborhood legal services program. At age 27, the Williamsburg, Brooklyn, community board selected him to start their neighborhood legal services office. As head of that office, he also represented activist community groups, students challenging their college administration, and the Young Lords when they took control of a church in East Harlem. In 1972, he co-founded the Puerto Rican Legal Defense and Education Fund, now known as LatinoJustice PRLDEF. Under his leadership at various points of the organization's existence, PRLDEF brought to court ground breaking litigation that protected the civil rights of Latinos and created opportunities for thousands of people in education, employment, and voting. Mr. Perales takes special pride in how the organization has assisted so many in entering the legal field.

Mr. Perales' career in public service has ranged through many important city, state and federal posts. In 1980, he was nominated by the President and to be U.S. Assistant Secretary for Health and Human Services. He has also served as the New York State Commissioner of Social Services and as Deputy Mayor of New York City. His final role in government service was as the New York's Secretary of State from 2011 until his retirement in 2016. He has served on the American Bar Association's Commission on Hispanic Legal Rights; as Director of the Empire State Development Corporation; and as the Chairman of the 2018 New York City Charter Revision Commission. He currently serves as the Vice Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the State University of New York.

# 2022 HONOREE LUCERO AWARD

**Horacio Gutiérrez** **Senior Executive Vice President,** General Counsel and Secretary,  
The Walt Disney Company



**The Walt Disney Company**

Horacio Gutiérrez was named Senior Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary of The Walt Disney Company in February 2022. Mr. Gutiérrez serves as the chief legal officer of the Company, overseeing its team of attorneys responsible for all aspects of Disney's legal affairs around the world, and acting as a strategic advisor to executive leadership and the Board of Directors.

Previously, Mr. Gutiérrez was Head of Global Affairs and Chief Legal Officer for Spotify, leading a global, multi-disciplinary team of business, corporate communications and public affairs, government relations, licensing, operations, and legal professionals responsible for the company's work in areas including industry relations, content partnerships, public policy, and trust & safety. He was previously Spotify's General Counsel and Vice President, Business & Legal Affairs from 2016 to 2019.

Prior to joining Spotify, Mr. Gutiérrez was Corporate Vice President and General Counsel for Microsoft, overseeing the company's legal affairs around the world. He initially joined Microsoft in 1998 as Corporate Attorney, LATAM, and held several positions during his 17-year tenure with the company.

Mr. Gutiérrez was recognized with the Hispanic National Bar Association's Latino In-House Attorney of the Year award and was named FT North America's Most Innovative General Counsel in 2018. Previously, Mr. Gutiérrez received the Lawyer of the Americas award from the Inter-American Law Review and was named IAM Magazine's IP Personality of the Year as well as Most Influential Global IP Market Maker.

Mr. Gutiérrez holds a Master of Laws degree from Harvard Law School, which he attended as a Fulbright scholar; a Juris Doctor degree summa cum laude from the University of Miami School of Law; and a Bachelor of Laws degree and post-graduate diploma in corporate and commercial law from Universidad Católica Andrés Bello in Caracas, Venezuela.

# 2022 HONOREE

## RONALD J. TABAK COMMUNITY CHAMPION

### Maria Hinojosa **Founder,** Futuro Media, Host, Latino USA, Award-Winning Journalist and Author



As a reporter who was the first Latina in many newsrooms, Maria Hinojosa dreamt of a space where she could create independent, multimedia journalism that explores and gives a critical voice to the diverse American experience. She made that dream a reality in 2010 when she created Futuro Media, an independent, nonprofit newsroom based in Harlem, NYC with the mission to create multimedia content from a POC perspective. Futuro does this in the service of empowering people to navigate the complexities of an increasingly diverse and connected world.

As the Anchor and Executive Producer of the Peabody Award-winning show Latino USA, distributed by PRX, as well as Co-Host of In The Thick, the Futuro Media's award-winning political podcast, Hinojosa has informed millions about the changing cultural and political landscape in America and abroad. She is also a contributor to the long-running, award-winning news program CBS Sunday Morning and a frequent guest on MSNBC.

In addition to her 30-year career as an award-winning journalist, Hinojosa is the author of two books, "Raising Raul" and "Once I Was You." At Futuro Media, Hinojosa continues to bring attention to experiences and points of view that are often overlooked or underreported in mainstream media, all while mentoring the next generation of diverse journalists to delve into authentic and nuanced stories. She lives in New York City with her husband and two children.

# 2022 HONOREE

## CORPORATE LEADER



Promoting diversity, equity and inclusion is a core value at TPG, embedded into the highest levels of the firm and guided by its Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Council, a 17-member partner steering committee created in 2015. The DE&I Council is led by the CEO and the Chief Human Resources Officer and supported by three advisory groups focused on recruiting and engagement with our external ecosystem and internal teams.

TPG has advanced diversity on the board of directors of its portfolio companies in terms of gender, race, ethnicity, and sexual orientation. As of August 2021, more than 70% of their companies' US-based boards have both gender and racial/ethnic diversity, and they've helped appoint more than 120 women directors since 2017.

In 2019, TPG launched its NEXT initiative, which develops emerging and diverse alternative asset managers. TPG NEXT launched with an investment in Harlem Capital Partners, a venture capital firm focused on investing in companies with

diverse founders. TPG NEXT has since invested in LandSpire Group, a real estate investment fund aiming to provide under-resourced communities with the necessary infrastructure to create equitable growth and a sustainable ecosystem, and VamosVentures, an impact venture capital fund working to deliver meaningful impact through wealth creation, social mobility, unique tech solutions.

TPG engages on public issues to advance equality, such as immigration, gender and racial discrimination, and access to education. For example, in 2017, TPG authored guidance for our portfolio companies encouraging preservation of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) and providing support and financial resources to those impacted. In 2019, TPG was the only private equity firm to sign an amicus brief to the U.S. Supreme Court in support of non-discrimination protections for LGBTQ+ people in federal civil rights law. TPG's authentic commitment is a model for corporate social responsibility.



**Award Accepted by:**

**Anilu Vazquez-Ubarri** **Partner and Chief Human Resources Officer, TPG**

Anilu Vazquez-Ubarri is a member of TPG Inc.'s Board of Directors, Executive Committee and co-chair of the TPG Diversity Equity and Inclusion Council. TPG is a leading global alternative asset management firm with \$127 billion of assets undermanagement and investment and operational teams in 12 offices globally. Prior to joining TPG in August 2018, Anilu was with Goldman Sachs for over a decade, where she most recently served as Global Head of Talent and Chief Diversity Officer. Prior to Goldman Sachs, Anilu was an associate at Shearman & Sterling LLP in the Executive Compensation & Employee Benefits group. Anilu received a BA in History and Latin American Studies, cum laude, from Princeton University and a JD from Fordham University School of Law.

# 2022 HONOREE PRO BONO PUBLICO

## Arnold & Porter

Arnold & Porter LLP's pro bono commitment is an integral part of its business practice. From its early days arguing for a right to counsel in *Gideon v. Wainwright*, to its current work advocating for equal access to justice, the firm devotes tens of thousands of hours to pro bono matters with some of the nation's most critical nonprofit organizations. The firm's attorneys' partner on litigation and transactional, regulatory and public policy advocacy, on both systemic and individual levels.

The firm partners with the Advancement Project National Office to fight systemic racism in US schools. They've represented Black Lives Matter in DC and in the City and County of Denver for police violence in the wake of social justice protests. They've fought for equity in education by obtaining historic settlements on behalf of underserved public school children in Delaware, and Missouri. Their extensive voting rights work includes successfully challenging the partisan gerrymandering of Pennsylvania's congressional districts, serving as co-counsel

with LatinoJustice to expand access to voter registration and vote-by-mail in Florida during the COVID-19 crisis, and dedicating thousands of attorney hours and tech support to Election Protection hotlines to protect the right to vote. The firm has also collaborated on legal work focused on education equity, immigrant rights and gender employment discrimination.

Arnold & Porter's commitment ranges from obtaining immigration relief for individuals escaping violence and persecution to partnering with national gun safety organizations on litigation, policy and legislative work to address gun violence in this country. They've fought the rights of the justice-impacted, including by securing freedom for a client in Virginia wrongfully incarcerated for 44 years due to a coerced false confession, and for a client on death row in Pennsylvania who spent 25 years behind bars for a murder he did not commit. From advocating for economic equity to defending reproductive and gender justice, Arnold & Porter has proven a powerful ally in the quest for racial and social justice.



**Award Accepted by:**

**Jeremy Karpatkin** Senior Attorney

Jeremy Karpatkin represents technology, consumer products, and chemical companies in a wide range of complex litigation and regulatory matters. Mr. Karpatkin also has an active constitutional rights pro bono practice, which includes litigation challenging state restrictions on the right to vote under the Voting Rights Act and the 14th amendment, litigating due process claims on behalf of displaced tenants, litigation challenging the termination of the DACA program, and co-authoring amicus briefs to the US Supreme Court on right to counsel, right to education, freedom of speech and freedom of association claims. Prior to joining Arnold & Porter, Mr. Karpatkin worked at the United States Department of Energy, including as Senior Policy Advisor to the Assistant Secretary for Environmental Management and Senior Advisor to the Manager of the Rocky Flats facility in Golden, Colorado.

# MISTRESS OF CEREMONY

## Sonia Rincón **News Reporter, ABC7 NY**



Sonia Rincón is a general assignment reporter for WABC-TV. Raised in four out of five boroughs of the city (all but Queens!), Sonia is thrilled to tell New York's day-to-day stories, documenting its changes, challenges, cultural richness and resiliency.

If her name sounds familiar, you may have heard her voice on New York's all-news radio station 1010 WINS, where she spent 15 years as an anchor and reporter while freelance reporting for New York-area television stations, before joining the Eyewitness News team full-time in May 2022.

Her broadcast journalism career began at Emerson College in Boston, where she served as news director for college radio station WERS-FM. Before returning home to New York, Sonia reported and anchored news for radio stations in Connecticut, Maine, Virginia and Pennsylvania including KYW Newsradio in Philadelphia.

Sonia earned numerous awards in her 20+ year radio career, including an Edward R. Murrow award for storm coverage of Ida in 2021.

She also has served as an adjunct lecturer at CUNY's Newmark Graduate School of Journalism.

Sonia has Colombian and Scottish heritage and is fluent in Spanish. When she's not working, Sonia enjoys theater and live music, fitness classes and cooking. She lives in the Bronx, is a die-hard Yankees fan and a proud alumna of LaGuardia High School of Music and Art and Performing Arts.

# ENTERTAINMENT GUESTS



## Lulada Club All-Women Salsa, NYC

Vocalist and band leader, Andrea Chavarro, has curated a collective of vibrant New York based musicians, each brilliant and accomplished in her own right. Inspired by her heritage of Cali Colombia-the world capital of salsa- and on a mission to fill the gap in female ensembles in NYC, she founded Lulada Club. This powerhouse band interprets vintage tropical salsa, mixing the classics and the deep cuts from across Latin America and the diaspora. These women bring excitement and charm to the stage, and their contagious energy will get you out of your seat, and onto the dance floor.

What is a “Lulada”?

Lulo is a tangy and delicious sub-tropical fruit native to Colombia. Una Lulada is a refreshing drink that you can only find in Cali, Colombia and is an emblem of La capital de la salsa!



## Blanc Noir Event Group DJ Comany, NYC

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# 50 YEARS OF SERVICE AND IMPACT

# OUR PILLARS

## BOLD LEGACY, BOLDER FUTURE



### CAP Leadership Institute

Our legal education pipeline and leadership programs continued to expand and evolve over the past year. We have shifted from fully virtual programming to hybrid and in-person events. This year, we welcomed nine new fellows in our Corporate-Law Firm Alliance Summer Program (CLASP), representing the largest and most diverse group of students to date. CLASP has added two new corporate/firm partnerships for the 2023-24 cycle and continues a 100% rate of Fellows hired by law firms hiring upon graduation. Our Winter and Summer LAWbound programs continue to attract students from across the country. This summer, CAP also hosted our inaugural John Garcia Legacy Summer Intern, Bianca Valentin, who gathered and analyzed data from CAP program alumni to help assess our program impact. We are seeing CAP program participants join us at multiple events and follow the pipeline through our many programs.

### Criminal Justice

Nationally, the Criminal Justice team joined the #EndTheException coalition, pushing for a new 13th Constitutional Amendment in a series of Philadelphia actions. In Washington, D.C., we called for federal opposition to Operation Lone Star, which has drained \$5 billion from Texas' budget. The Southwest Office began a best-practices court watch program in Laredo, Texas, facilitated a series of Spanish-language abolition workshops, and hosted two convenings for state and national partners. The Southeast Office hosted a panel around Restorative Justice programs and two panels on "Decolonize Justice short films," and the New York Office has partnered with various NY-based legislators to revamp the parole system. Our Criminal Justice legal team settled a lawsuit with the Arizona Department of Corrections, which was applying "good time" credits unlawfully, and has filed two suits against Texas Department of Corrections for refusing to provide public information and improperly restricting residences of people on parole. We hired two new Justice Advocate Coordinators to work out of our Southwest and New York offices.



# OUR PILLARS: ADVANCING EQUITY



## Economic Justice

On the education front, LJP continues to defend policies that equalize educational opportunity for Latinos and other students of color. At the college level, concerned that the Supreme Court may reverse forty years of precedent in Affirmative Action, we and our pro bono partner, Brown Rudnick, filed an amicus brief joined by 18 organizations in the cases SFFA v. Harvard and SFFA v. UNC. In the K-12 setting, LJP is involved in four cases in four different states with other civil rights organizations, to defend school districts' use of race-neutral factors, like socioeconomic status or zip codes, to identify talented and qualified Latino, Black and other students of color for admission to highly selective public schools. In 2021, we also assisted some 200 undocumented New Yorkers to apply for pandemic relief through the state's Excluded Workers Fund and obtained awards totaling \$795,600 for over 50 workers.

## Immigrant Rights

In our fight against Texas's Operation Lone Star, in coalition with grassroots groups, we have conducted witness delegations and filed formal complaints with the U.S. Department of Justice. In Long Island, we have had notable litigation victories: a federal court's recommendation to certify a class of immigrants wrongly jailed past their legal release date in Orellana-Castaneda v. Suffolk County Sheriff's Office, and substantive progress toward a settlement of class and individual claims in our case alleging racial targeting of Latinos in policing, Plaintiffs 1-20 v. Suffolk County Police Department. At the federal level, we are fighting for government transparency in several FOIA cases against ICE, winning a terrific decision from a federal court finding that ICE had failed to conduct adequate searches regarding ICE's policy of retaliation against women in sanctuary. Challenging oppressive border policies, we have filed amicus briefs challenging the racist origins and disproportionate impacts of federal statutes criminalizing entry and re-entry, and we have fought hard for damages for a father and son victimized by the Trump Administration's family separation policy.



# OUR PILLARS: JUSTICE & LEADERSHIP



## Puerto Rico

This year, our work related to Puerto Rico focused on a campaign to have the U.S. government finally reject the Insular Cases, the century-old racist legal precedent on which U.S. courts continue to rely to diminish and deny rights to residents of Puerto Rico and other U.S. territories. The Supreme Court ruled against a Puerto Rican resident seeking federal benefits in *U.S. v. Vaello Madero*, a case for which we filed an amicus brief last year in support of Puerto Rico residents' rights. We have continued litigating Freedom of Information cases seeking transparency from the federal government on matters related to Puerto Rico. In August, we met with Puerto Rico-based grassroots organizations during our Legacy Tour event in San Juan to better understand the real-life challenges and legal issues Puerto Ricans face, and to identify where LatinoJustice might best support. Our Southeast office SEO continues to support the Puerto Rican diaspora in Florida, particularly around the "right to return" to Puerto Rico.

## Voting Rights

Our voting rights litigation and advocacy dockets have been extraordinarily active. In January, we won an incredible victory in *Florida Rising Together v. Lee*, the challenge by grassroots Latinx civic organizations to Florida's SB90 voter suppression statute; the state's appeal is before the 11th Circuit. In Pennsylvania, we continued our record of successful language access litigation, winning a settlement to improve Spanish-language services for Puerto Rican voters in York County just in time for the November 8 elections. After fighting for passage of New York City's groundbreaking Municipal Voting Law, which permits authorized non-citizens to vote in local elections, we are defending the law through the state appeals court process. In New York state's legislature, we helped pass the John R. Lewis New York State Voting Rights Act and are fighting for similar efforts in Connecticut and New Jersey. Our redistricting advocacy and testimony have featured in local and statewide processes in Florida, New York, and Pennsylvania, and our signature election protection project, *Cada Voto Cuenta*, has made measurable differences for Spanish-speaking voters in Georgia, Florida, New York, and Pennsylvania.





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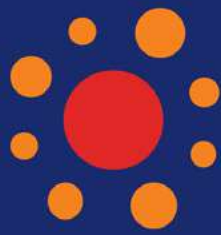
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