



Dear Community Leader,

As the 2022 President of the Dallas Hispanic Bar Association (DHBA), it is my pleasure to invite you to sponsor our **17th Annual Noche de Luz Gala**. This year's Noche de Luz will be held on the evening of **Saturday, October 22, 2022, at the Dallas Museum of Art, from 7:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.** The VIP reception begins at 6 p.m.

DHBA is excited to continue its more than 50-year legacy of promoting diversity in and access to the Dallas legal community. We welcome you to join our members, including many prominent and dedicated Dallas leaders, to support the worthy causes our work makes possible.

This fundraising event benefits various DHBA pipeline initiatives, including law student scholarships at the three Dallas-area law schools: SMU Dedman School of Law, University of North Texas Dallas College of Law, and Texas A&M University School of Law. These law students are almost always the first in their family to attend college and law school, making their need for financial assistance even more critical. This event also supports our annual Dallas Latina Leadership Program. Now in its 7th year, the Dallas Latina Leadership Program focuses on the professional development needs of our Latina attorneys and law students, a group that is highly underrepresented in Dallas law firms and in-house positions. Finally, our Judicial Externship Program seeks to increase access by Hispanic law students to highly sought after judicial externships in the federal district courts and state appellate courts of Dallas, with the long-term goal of increasing the number of Hispanic lawyers who serve as judicial law clerks for judges on these courts. DHBA is working hard to make a difference in our legal community and we hope that you will support us in these endeavors.

The Noche de Luz Gala will also honor individuals who are lighting the path to the legal profession for Latinas and Latinos in the Dallas community, including the La Luz Award, the Estrella Award, the Corporate Counsel Diversity Award, and two new awards we are introducing this year - the Law Firm Diversity Award and the DHBA Volunteer of the Year Award.

We are excited to announce our partnership with *LATINA Style* magazine this year to recognize *Mujeres Líderes*, a group of leading Latina lawyers in Dallas.

On behalf of the DHBA, I thank you in advance for your support and commitment to ensure we are providing opportunities for and preparing the diverse attorneys of tomorrow. If you have any questions or would like more information, please email us gala@dallashispanicbar.com.

Sincerely,

Elsa Manzanares

DHBA President