

Diana Sen's Biography

Diana Sen is a Senior Counsel for LatinoJustice PRLDEF, formerly the Puerto Rican Legal Defense & Education Fund in New York where she heads their Southeastern U.S. Practice. She primarily works to safeguard the civil rights of Latinos in Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, Maryland and Washington D.C. - areas that need the most attention, yet have the least representation for Latinos. Prior to LatinoJustice, Diana was a senior litigation associate with the international law firm of Fried, Frank, Harris, Shriver & Jacobson LLP in New York, specializing in general commercial and white-collar litigation for six years. In between her time at Fried Frank, Diana was a staff attorney for the Mexican American Legal Defense & Educational Fund (MALDEF) for two years in their Atlanta office as a Fried Frank/MALDEF Fellow.

Diana received her JD from Emory Law School in 2000 and her BA and MA in Political Science/International Relations from the University of Florida in 1996 and 1997 respectively. While in law school, she was a legal intern at the Atlanta Legal Aid Society's Hispanic Outreach Project, the U.S. Attorney's Office, CARE, and the Carter Center.

Diana is the Past President of the Hispanic National Bar Association ("HNBA") and served as their National President from September 2010-September 2011. Previously, Diana was on the HNBA Commission on the Status of Latinas in the Profession and was the HNBA National Vice President of Membership from 2007-2008. She was the Chair of the 2008 HNBA Mid-Year Conference and National Moot Court Competition in New York and was the HNBA New York Region President in 2006-2007.

She is a Commissioner of the American Bar Association's Commission on Hispanic Legal Rights and Responsibilities and is the Chair of the Civil Rights Committee of the New York State Bar Association. She is on the Board Development Committee and the Leadership Advisory Board of the Girl Scouts of Greater New York. Diana previously served on the House of Delegates of the New York State Bar; the board of Legal Services NYC, the largest legal services program in the country for several years, was the Vice President and Board Member of the Puerto Rican Bar Association of New York and was the Vice President and Board Member for the Georgia Hispanic Network.

In April 2008, Diana received a Mujeres Destacadas (Outstanding Women) award from El Diario/La Prensa for her service to the Latino community. She was also honored by the Puerto Rican Bar Association of Florida as one of their Latin Leaders in October 2010 and received the Orgullo Award from Seton Hall Law School Latin American Law Students Association in February 2011. On August 6th, 2011, the American Bar Association (ABA), Business Law Section Nonprofit Organizations Committee honored Diana with its Outstanding In-House Counsel Award.