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ASSEMBLY MEMBER KARINES REYES,  
CHAIR OF THE NYS ASSEMBLY & SENATE PUERTO  
RICAN / HISPANIC TASK FORCE, ON THE APPOINTMENT  
OF THE FIRST DOMINICAN JUDGE, BIANKA PEREZ TO  
THE NEW YORK SUPREME COURT APPELLATE DIVISION

In a historic appointment that occurred last week, Chief Administrative Judge Joseph A. Zayas named Judge Bianka Perez as an Associate Justice of the Appellate Term of the Supreme Court of New York. Judge Perez is the first person of Dominican descent to serve in this capacity, and will hear appeals from the Criminal and Civil Courts in Manhattan and the Bronx.

Over the past 20 years, Judge Perez has demonstrated her unwavering commitment to justice and the law, as a former president of the Dominican Bar Association, president and commissioner of the New York City Board of Elections, a New York City Administrative Law Judge, and a Bronx Civil Court judge. Also, Bianka is a personal friend and I have known her to be a fair, thoughtful jurist and legal practitioner. I'm proud of her elevation and look forward to her continued service to New Yorkers.

On behalf of the NYS Assembly and Senate Puerto Rican/Hispanic Task Force, we applaud Judge Zayas' efforts to ensure Latino experiences are well represented and reflected in our state's judiciary. We also extend our deepest congratulations to Judge Perez on this historic milestone and wish her the greatest level of success.



Judge Bianka Perez

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