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Diana Perez Gomez, shareholder and Co-Chair of Chamberlain Hrdlicka's Labor & Employment Litigation practice, today served as a speaker and mentor during the 9th annual Houston Business Journal's Bizwomen Mentoring Monday event. The program was hosted simultaneously across 40 of American City Business Journal sister markets nationwide, providing coaching to an estimated 10,000 thousand women looking to advance their careers.

Eighteen of Houston's top women business leaders with demonstrated commitment to advancement of women in business were invited for this year's event. They represented a range of industries and organization types, from small business owners and entrepreneurs to non-profit organizations and professional services. During the virtual event, mentors offered valuable advice and insights on career advancement. The event also provided an opportunity to connect and build relationships with others in their community.

Last week, in recognition of her professional accomplishments and community involvement, Gomez was also named among Houston's 50 Most Influential Women of 2020-21" by *Houston Woman Magazine*.

Gomez is a shareholder at Chamberlain Hrdlicka's Houston office, where she serves on the firm's Board of Directors, as the national co-chair for the labor and employment practice, as well as the national chair for the Pro Bono Committee. With extensive experience in civil lawsuits in state and federal courts, she focuses on complex labor and employment disputes by providing a full range of employment law services to her clients from pre-termination counseling, investigations, EEO training, handbook review, drafting of policies, COVID-19 plans, defense in administrative proceedings (EEOC charges, unemployment hearings) and arbitrations as well as all aspects of trial from pre-suit through appeal. Gomez has successfully defended all types of employment law matters in state and federal court including claims involving ERISA, FLSA, discrimination, and retaliation.

Between 2008 and 2009, she has served as the Chief of Staff at U.S. Department of Education Office of Planning, Evaluation and Policy Development in Washington D.C. Her government experience also includes serving as a committee member on the City of Houston Mayor's Transition Team - Education Committee, as vice chair of the City of Houston Municipal Civil Service Commission, vice chair of the City of Houston

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Police Officers' and Fire Fighters' Civil Service Commission, and as a commissioner on the Harris County Sheriff's Civil Service Commission.

Gomez holds a bachelor's degree in political science from Texas A&M University and has received her law degree from the University of Texas at Austin. Very involved in the legal community, she is a co-chair for District Four of the Texas Bar Foundation. She sits on the Board of Directors of the Houston Bar Association (HBA), where she currently serves as the treasurer and chair of the HBA's County Law Library Committee and the HBA's Employment and Personnel Committee. She has previously served in numerous other HBA committee chair positions and volunteer roles, including the Law and the Media Committee, HBA Dispute Resolution Committee, HBA Ambassador, HBA's Administration of Justice Committee for the Criminal District/Appellate Bench Bar Conference, and HBA's Harvest Celebration Fundraising Committee. She is the past president of the Hispanic Bar Association of Houston, where she currently sits on the Board of Directors.

She has also served on the Board of Directors for the Mexican-American Bar Association of Houston, as a member of the Harris County Bench Bar Pro Bono Awards Committee, and as a committee member for the inaugural and second Southern District of Texas Houston/Galveston Bench-Bar Conferences. Furthermore, she sits on the Board of Directors for the Houston Zoo Development Corporation.

Recipient of many accolades, Gomez was named to the Texas Super Lawyers list by Super Lawyers® consecutively every year since 2013 and was among the Texas Super Lawyers 2020 Top Women. She was selected as a Top Lawyer in 2017, 2019 - 2021 by *Houstonia* Magazine; received Latina Lawyer Under 40 Award from the Mexican American Bar Association of Texas Foundation in 2012; was the recipient of the Houston Bar Association's President's Award in 2016; was a recipient of the Hispanic Bar Association of Houston's President's Award in 2007, 2009, 2015 and 2019; was awarded the Local Heroes Recognition by the Houston Lawyer Magazine in 2009; and the Woodrow B. Seals Outstanding Young Lawyer of Houston Award from Houston Young Lawyers Association in 2008. She is the Life Fellow of the American Bar Foundation, Texas Bar Foundation and the Houston Bar Foundation.

