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National President of the Hispanic National Bar Association, recognized by Best Lawyers since 2018 as well as several Best Lawyers 'Women in Law' Editions, a 2019 Lawyers of Color's 'Nations Best' Honoree, the 2017 winner of *Chambers USA Women in Law Future Leader – Gender Diversity* award, are just a few of the honors that recognize Elia Diaz-Yaeger as both a leader in law and in the advancement of diversity and advocacy programs. As a shareholder in Lugensuhl's Insurance Law section, Diaz-Yaeger's primary areas of practice include industrial employment/long-latency lung disease litigation, insurance defense and coverage, environmental law, commercial litigation, and Board Governance/ Cybersecurity. In the last twenty-five years, Diaz-Yaeger has successfully defended thousands of occupational exposure claims, including exposure to asbestos and silica-containing products. She has served as defense counsel for insurers in commercial and residential property insurance cases resulting from hurricanes, hailstorms, and other first-party claims. Her experience enables her to provide clients with an early strategic plan, vigorous defense and efficient litigation. Certified in Cybersecurity Litigation, Diaz-Yaeger trains clients on protecting themselves regarding the ever-growing risk of data breaches.

Diaz-Yaeger actively promotes diversity and inclusion of women and Hispanics in legal professions through various professional organizations. Currently she serves as the President of the Hispanic National Bar Association where she has also served as Secretary and Vice President of Divisions, Sections, Committees and Tasks Forces. Diaz-Yaeger is also a member of the International Association of Defense Counsel, Defense Research Institute, ABA, and Louisiana State Bar Association. She is a frequent speaker and CLE presenter. Additionally, she frequently leads round-table discussions at in-house corporate meetings; and serves as a diversity facilitator for the Louisiana State Bar Association.

In addition to her professional pursuits, Diaz-Yaeger also serves as on the Secretary of the Board of Directors, OnPath Federal Credit Union, a Community Development Financial Institution, whose mission is to strengthen the financial health of underserved communities through financial service and education. Her community contributions include Co-Founder and Fundraising Chair of *Candy Girls/Life Savers of New Orleans*, Co-Founder and Committee Member of *The A.D. Crossman Esperanza Library Project*, and an active member of the New Orleans Ballet Association. Diaz-Yaeger also volunteers and participates in several social and community programs including, *Taking Steps for Crohn's and Colitis*, *Save the Gulf Foundation*, *Raintree Foundation*, and *Habitat for Humanity*.

#### HONORS AND AWARDS

- Best Lawyers 2018 -2021
- Best Lawyers "Women in the Law" Business Edition 2020-2021
- Leadership in Law Award CityBusiness 2020
- 2019 Lawyers of Color's 'Nations Best' Honoree

- Chambers USA 2017 Women in Law Future Leader – Gender Diversity award winner in the private practice
- Martindale-Hubbell AV-Rated attorney (Peers and Judiciary)
- 2014-2015 Recipient of the Louisiana State Bar Association Human Rights Award
- 2015 New Orleans CityBusiness, Woman of the Year, Honoree
- Martindale-Hubbell Bar Register of Preeminent Women Lawyers™
- Association of Corporate Counsel/HNBA Executive Leadership Program

#### AFILIATIONS

- Hispanic National Bar Association –*President 2020 – date; President-Elect, 2019-2020, Vice President, Divisions, Sections & Committees, September 2017 – 2019; National Secretary, 2015 – 2017. Deputy Region XII President and Member of Board of Governors 2011-2015.*
- Alliance of Latinx Leadership & Policy – *Member* of subcommittee for DOJ and Executive Level Nominations.
- American Bar Association - *Member* of Commission on Racial & Ethnic Diversity in the Profession and Commission on Women in the Profession
- International Association of Defense Counsel - *Member* of Toxic & Hazardous Substances Committee, Diversity Committee, Insurance and Reinsurance Committee and Environmental and Energy Law Committee
- Defense Research Institute - *Member* of Products Liability Committee, Diversity Committee
- Louisiana State Bar Association - *Diversity Facilitator* and *Member* of Conclave Subcommittee New Orleans Bar Association - *Member* of Women in the Profession Committee
- Hispanic Lawyers Association of Louisiana - *Member*