## Hon. Bianka Perez Justice, Supreme Court, Bronx County Civil Division

Hon. Bianka Perez is a Justice of the Supreme Court assigned to the Civil Division of Bronx County. Judge Perez was elected November 2020, prior to her election to the Supreme Court she was a Civil Court Judge of Bronx County elected November 2016. She's also an Adjunct Professor at Monroe College teaching Criminal Justice. Prior to her judicial career, Judge Perez dedicated her legal career to help the people of the Bronx. She served her community by providing legal services as the sole owner of the Law Office of Bianka Perez from 2004-2016 in Bronx County. Prior to her law office she worked at the firm of Ginarte, Gallardo, Gonzalez & Winograd specializing in personal injury plaintiff matters from 1995-2004. She was also nominated as Commissioner of the New York City Board of Elections representing Bronx County from September 2014 through June 2016 and was elected the first Latina President of the New York City Board of Elections in January 2016. She also served as Administrative Law Judge with the Office of Administrative Trials and Hearings from 2012 to 2014. Justice Perez received her Doctorate in Law at New York Law School in 2000 and her B.A. from John Jay College of Criminal Justice C.U.N.Y. in 1995, where she graduated Summa Cum Laude. She is admitted to both the New York Bar and New Jersey Bar. She is currently the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President of the Supreme Court Justices Association and has served as President of the Dominican Bar Association from 2012 to 2013 and also served as Parliamentarian of the Bronx Democratic County Committee from 2012 to 2014.

Her hard work and dedication have been recognized by many including the Dominican Bar Association's Judicial Excellence Award; Puerto Rican Bar Association's Judiciary Night; named Ambassador of Justice by the Dominican Day Parade, Inc.; Councilwoman Vanessa Gibson's Hispanic Heritage Keynote Speaker; Senator Luis Sepulveda's Dominican Heritage Award; Manhattan Borough President's Hispanic Heritage Award by then Borough President Scott Stringer; Councilman Robert Jackson's Dominican Independence Celebration Award; International Women's Day Award, Centro Altagracia De Fe y Justicia; Former NYC Comptroller John Liu's Community Leader Award; Universidad APEC (UNAPEC) in the Dominican Republic for her professional accomplishments as an attorney in the United States and for her contribution to the positive recognition of the accomplishments of Dominicans in the United States.

Justice Perez was born in the United States, her parents are from the Dominican Republic and came to the United States in the 1970s. Justice Perez currently resides in the Bronx with her husband and children.