

## MIRNA MARTINEZ SANTIAGO, ESQ.



MIRNA MARTINEZ SANTIAGO is Deputy Counsel at one of the largest Latino not-for-profit organizations in the United States. Mirna has over 20 years of legal experience, handling a range of matters from torts to professional liability to insurance coverage to regulatory affairs.

She also founded the Rising Phoenix Center for Law & Politics (RisingPhoenixCenter.org) to introduce underprivileged and underrepresented middle and high school children to the law.

Mirna lectures on an array of topics – with a focus on diversity, inclusion and the elimination of bias – and has published on legal, as well as non-legal subjects.

Mirna has been featured in *Latina Magazine* and on NBC News speaking about the Afro-Latina experience.

**Bar & Court Admissions:** State Courts of New York; U.S. District Court for the Southern, Eastern, and Western Districts of New York.

**Education:** New York University, B.A., 1992; State University of New York at Buffalo, School of Law, J.D., 1995; Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism, Certificate in Magazine and Book Publishing, 2001

### Professional Honors:

- 2017 – present: Delegate, 2<sup>nd</sup> Department, New York State Bar Association House of Delegates
- 2015/2016: Chair: Torts, Insurance and Compensation Law Section of the New York State Bar Association
- 2014 – 2016: Defense Association of New York Diversity Initiative, Planning Committee
- 2012: New York State Bar Association: Torts, Insurance & Compensation Law Section Award for Outstanding Chair (Diversity)
- 2010: New York State Bar Association: Sheldon Hurtwitz Young Lawyer Award for Outstanding Contribution to the Practice of Law in the Field of Insurance

### Language Skills:

- Spanish (fluently spoken and written)
- Garifuna (fluently spoken)