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## PRESS RELEASE

### Second Department to Present Roundtable Discussion In Celebration of National Hispanic Heritage Month

**BROOKLYN, NY**—Presiding Justice Hector D. LaSalle and the Associate Justices of the Supreme Court, Appellate Division, Second Judicial Department, today announced that on **Friday, October 13, 2023**, the Second Department will present a roundtable discussion with leading Latina voices on important legal and civic issues facing New Yorkers. “Latinas Leading in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: A Discussion” will be moderated by journalist and WNBC-TV *Today in New York* co-anchor Darlene Rodriguez. The roundtable is scheduled from **5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.**

Participants comprising the highly distinguished panel include Hon. Sallie Manzanet-Daniels, Associate Justice of the Appellate Division, First Department; Hon. Carmen Velasquez, Justice of the New York State Supreme Court, Queens County; Catherine Torres, Esq., Partner, MirRam Group, LLC; Debralee Santos, Editor, Manhattan Times and the Bronx Free Press; and Taina Borrero, Senior Vice President, The Hayes Initiative.

“I am both proud and delighted to present this important program in celebration of National Hispanic Heritage Month. I look forward to what I know will be a thought-provoking evening, an insightful exchange of ideas and experiences by some of New York’s most influential Latina voices,” said Presiding Justice LaSalle in announcing the event.

The event will be held in person at the 45 Monroe Place courthouse in Brooklyn, New York and live-streamed at <https://wowza.nycourts.gov/ad2/ad2-2.html>.

*The Appellate Division, Second Dept. is an intermediate appellate court that hears appeals from the trial courts and comprises Kings, Queens, Richmond, Nassau, Suffolk, Dutchess, Orange, Putnam, Rockland and Westchester counties—more than half of the State’s population.*

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