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**PDJ Announces its Latino Leaders Worth Watching™ for 2022**

[CLEVELAND, OH–February 22, 2022] *Profiles in Diversity Journal*® is pleased to announce the names of the winners of the magazine's second annual Latino Leaders Worth Watching™ Award. Our Award recipients demonstrate talent and skill, a dedication to excellence in all they do, a willingness to mentor and support the next generation, and a commitment to the broader community.

"With this year's Award, we are proud to continue to honor Latino Leaders Worth Watching," says James Rector, *Profiles in Diversity Journal* publisher. "We are gratified to be able to recognize these outstanding leaders and the organizations that support their success."

Each Latino Leader Worth Watching Award recipient's abilities, commitment, and achievements will be showcased in *Profiles in Diversity Journal*'s Q1 2022 issue (available online at [www.diversityjournal.com](http://www.diversityjournal.com) in late March). Award recipients will share their experiences, opinions, and words of advice with our readers, many of whom will likely be named Latino Leaders Worth Watching in the near future.

Below are the names and job titles of this year's award recipients, along with the names of the organizations who nominated them for this honor.

**The 2022 Latino Leaders Worth Watching Award™ Recipients**

| Company/Organization                       | Award Recipient               | Title                                 |
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| Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP         | <b>Jose Borjon</b>            | Senior Policy Advisor                 |
| Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP         | <b>Marissa Román Griffith</b> | Partner                               |
| Advanced Micro Devices, Inc.               | <b>Daniel Chavez</b>          | Senior Director Business Planning     |
| Advanced Micro Devices, Inc.               | <b>Sofia McDaniel</b>         | Director of Global Consumer Marketing |
| Advanced Micro Devices, Inc.               | <b>Rhonda Medlin</b>          | Senior Manager, Program Management    |
| American Battery Technology Company (ABTC) | <b>Andrés Meza</b>            | Chief Operations Officer              |
| Best Best & Krieger LLP                    | <b>Alisha Winterswyk</b>      | Partner                               |
| Co/LAB Lending                             | <b>Andres J. Munar</b>        | Co-Owner                              |
| Dechert LLP                                | <b>Mauricio España</b>        | Partner                               |

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| Dickinson Wright PLLC                 | <b>Cindy Villanueva</b>           | Of Counsel   |
| Entergy New Orleans                   | <b>Deanna Rodriguez</b>           | Chief Executive Officer  |
| Freddie Mac                           | <b>Mario Garcia</b>               | Loan Servicing Director  |
| Freddie Mac                           | <b>Luis Villavicencio</b>         | Director, Multifamily Finance  |
| Glenn Agre Bergman & Fuentes LLP      | <b>Olga Lucia Fuentes-Skinner</b> | Co-founding Partner  |
| Harman International                  | <b>Rodrigo Rihl Kniest</b>        | South America SVP of Lifestyle & President of HARMAN Brazil                                      |
| HARMAN                                | <b>Veronica Morales</b>           | Senior Director of Operations & Site Leader for Juarez and El Paso, Texas Operations             |
| Jones Walker LLP                      | <b>Monique Garcia</b>             | Partner  |
| Latham & Watkins LLP                  | <b>Roderick Branch</b>            | Partner  |
| Latham & Watkins LLP                  | <b>Elizabeth Deeley</b>           | Partner  |
| Lincoln Financial Group               | <b>Vivian Adams</b>               | Assistant Vice President, Underwriting Audit & Training  |
| Moss Adams                            | <b>Pedro Gonzalez</b>             | Assurance Partner  |
| NCRC Community Development Fund, Inc. | <b>Marisa Calderon</b>            | Executive Director, NCRC Community Development Fund; Chief of Community Finance & Mobility, NCRC |
| New American Funding                  | <b>Patty Arvielo</b>              | Co-Founder & President   |
| New York Life                         | <b>Victor Verastegui</b>          | Vice President, NYL Direct-Insurance Operations  |
| Sanford Heisler Sharp                 | <b>Felicia Gilbert</b>            | Office Managing Partner  |
| Study.com                             | <b>Adrian Ridner</b>              | CEO/Co-Founder   |
| Ulmer & Berne LLP                     | <b>Dolores (Lola) Garcia</b>      | Partner; Vice Group Leader–Business Litigation   |
| Venable LLP                           | <b>Belinda Martinez Vega</b>      | Partner  |
| Washington Capital Partners           | <b>Daniel Huertas</b>             | Chief Executive Officer  |
| Withum                                | <b>Christina Barea</b>            | Business Development Executive   |
| Zynga                                 | <b>Claudia Sanchez Wilson</b>     | Vice President, Legal  |

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