

# Diamond McCarthy Partner, Sofia Adrogué, Helps Organize Houston's Third Annual BARK for BARC Pet Walk, Raising Over \$105,000

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Diamond McCarthy Partner, Sofia Adrogué, envisioned, organized and chaired Houston's Third Annual BARK for BARC Pet Walk in Houston, Texas. Organized by BARC's Board of Directors and working in conjunction with Rice University, the pet walk promoted raising funds for the City of Houston's Animal Shelter and Adoptions Center and to support the foundation's mission of giving Houston's homeless pets a second chance to finding a new home.

Ms. Adrogué is a member of the Houston BARC Foundation's Board of Directors, Chair of the Advisory Board, and had the opportunity to assist once again in the organization of this year's BARK for BARC Pet Walk that took place April 28, 2018 at Rice University. The event had near 300 participants and included the recognition of Honorary Chair, Houston Astros' pitcher, Lance McCullers Jr.. With much success, the pet walk was able to raise over \$105,000 for the care of Houston's homeless animals.

The walk also brought attention to the organization's assistance in August of 2017. The devastating aftermath of 2017's Hurricane Harvey left the City of Houston with months of reconstruction. The BARC foundation helped play a crucial role in working with other animal welfare organizations across the nation to rescue, foster, and assist with displaced pets after the disaster. After much dedication and hard work, the organization helped find forever homes for more than 380 animals and assisted with the coordination of transferring over 1,000 animals to outside rescue groups in the mission to keep lost animals safe and healthy following the tragedy.

## About BARC

Founded in 2010, the Houston BARC Foundation is a non-profit fundraising organization that strives to improve the quality of life and rehoming of all homeless animals in the city of Houston. The foundation's current goal is to continue to raise funds for the building completion of the City of Houston BARC Animal Shelter and Adoption Center. Since its creation, the organization has raised over \$550,000 in donations.

## About Sofia Adrogué

A native of Argentina, Sofia is a business trial partner with the Houston office of Diamond McCarthy LLP, a national business litigation and insolvency boutique. A litigator for more than 25 years, she has obtained favorable judgments and settlements on behalf of both plaintiffs and defendants in a myriad of complex business cases in state and federal courts and in ADR proceedings. She represents clients in all industries, ranging from entrepreneurs in rural Texas to multinational conglomerates with diversified worldwide business holdings. She is a frequent CLE Speaker and/or Chair (over 125) and publisher (over 120). She envisioned and created the Texas Business Litigation treatise (ALM 2015, 2016, 2017), serves as its Editor, with a 2019 4th Edition forthcoming, and is the Chair of the Texas Business Litigation CLEs. Adrogué has been profiled by many publications, including *Texas Lawyer* (one of Texas' Top "40 Under 40"), *Texas Monthly and Law & Politics Magazine* ("Texas Super Lawyer"), *Latino Leaders Magazine* ("The Justice Professionals," "Top Latino Partners in the U.S.," "The 25 Most Influential Hispanic Lawyers," "Top Latino Lawyers in 2018," and "Most Powerful Women in Law"), and *Houston Woman Magazine*. She serves as the Co-Host & Co-Producer of *Latina Voices—Smart Talk*. She is a graduate of the Harvard Business School Owner/President Management Program, an alumna of the Harvard Business School, and received her J.D. from the University of Houston Law Center, *magna cum laude*, Order of the Coif and Barons, and her B.A. from Rice University, *magna cum laude*, *Phi Beta Kappa*, both on full academic scholarships.

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