

# Sofia Adrogué Chairs Houston 2019 Youth Leadership Forum (April 2019)

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Diamond McCarthy Partner Sofia Adrogué served as Chair and Founder of the 2019 Youth Leadership Forum, held at Diamond McCarthy's Houston office on April 9, 2019.

With a mission to engage, educate and empower, the Youth Leadership Forum was developed to provide young individuals with educational opportunities outside of a traditional classroom. These forums offer unique workshop programs that address leadership, general governance and community, and provide an opportunity to interact with business professionals and civic leaders, while also offering successful tips on how to excel in life and their future careers.

Previously held at Rice University for fifteen years plus, a truncated forum was hosted by Diamond McCarthy and welcomed more than ninety students and fifteen volunteers from AAMA's George I. Sanchez Charter High School and fifteen influential speakers from the Houston community. Speakers of the program included: Rafael Alvarez, Patrick Bresette, Judy Camarena, Frances Castañeda Dyess, Jonathan "Baby Jay" Gutierrez, Benjamin Hernandez, Christian Navarro, Tina Paez, Angelica Razo and Y. Ping Sun.

Breakfast for the Forum was sponsored by Christian Navarro, Villa Arcos Mexican Restaurant and lunch was sponsored by Judy Camarena, Arandas Franchises, Inc.

"I am honored to have co-founded this event more than 15 years ago," Adrogué states. "We are elated and most appreciative of these formidable participants as they epitomize leadership with a moral compass. They provide unique insights from their many years in the arena of public service."

## 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, serves as its Editor, with a 2019 4th Edition just published, 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.



Speakers and Moderator: Christian Navarro, Frances Castañeda Dyess, Angie Razo and Benjamin Hernandez



AAMA George I. Sanchez Charter High School Students in “Leadership Journeys” Session with Moderator Sofia Adrogué



2019 Youth Leadership Forum Committee Members, Speakers and Moderators



Welcome Remarks by Youth Leadership Forum Chair Sofia Adrogué and Student Participants





Sofia Adrogué with Breakfast & Lunch Sponsors: Judy Camarena & Christian Navarro



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