

Sofia Adrogué Reappointed to Houston First Corporation Board of Directors

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Diamond McCarthy Partner Sofia Adrogué was recently reappointed to the Houston First Corporation Board of Directors before Houston City Council on Nov. 1, 2023.

Houston First Corporation manages more than 10 city-owned buildings and properties and underground and surface parking. These facilities include the Hilton Americas-Houston hotel, George R. Brown Convention Center, Jones Hall for the Performing Arts, Wortham Theater Center, Talento Bilingue de Houston, Miller Outdoor Theatre, Partnership Tower, Houston First Outdoors (which includes Jones Plaza and other smaller venues) and Theater District Parking.

Houston First operations include day-to-day maintenance, management and licensing of its properties as the sites of conventions and trade shows, concerts and theatrical performances, and civic events.

Nominated by City of Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner, Adrogué will continue to serve on the 12-member board, responsible for setting policy for the corporation and approving its major initiatives and expenditures. “[The newly appointed board members’] individual accomplishments and long records of community service speak volumes; and we look forward to their collective leadership, as well as the energy and passion they will bring to our organization,” said David Minckberg, Chairman of Houston First’s Board of Directors at the inaugural appointment in 2017. “We know we can count on these dedicated professionals as we continue our mission to make Houston one of the world’s premier destinations.”

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About Sofia Adrogué

A native of Argentina, Sofia Adrogué is a senior trial partner with Diamond McCarthy LLP, a 10 year *Texas Super Lawyer* & *Latino Leaders* “25 Most Influential Hispanic Lawyers” & “Most Powerful Women in Law.” Having served on over 15 boards, she is currently a Member of the Houston First Board of Directors as well as the City of Houston Mayor’s Hispanic Advisory Board and Chair of the Boards & Commissions Appointments Subcommittee. She is also a member of the NYSE Board Advisory Council. She serves as the Editor of the Texas Business Litigation treatise (5th Edition) & has published and/or spoken on over 250 occasions. She is a graduate of Harvard Business School Owner/President Management Program, an alumna of HBS (U.S. Keynote Graduation Speaker for HBS OPM 37, ostensibly the first woman, & U.S. Class Representative), and a graduate of the University of Houston Law Center, *magna cum laude*, & Rice University, *magna cum laude*, *Phi Beta Kappa*, both on full academic scholarships. She has received over 40 awards, including a 2023 UHLC Hispanic Wall of Honor Accolade; 2022 Top 30 Women in Houston Award; 2021 World Affairs Council of Greater Houston Global Leader of Influence; 2020 Comcast Hispanic Heroes Award; a Greater Houston Women’s Chamber “Hall of Fame” Inductee; a Houston Chronicle Channel 11 “Texas Legend” & 10 “Extraordinary Latinos” (Inaugural List); National Diversity Council “Most Powerful and Influential Woman of Texas” & one of the “Top 50 Women Lawyers”; a UH Law Center Immigration Clinic Arrival Award & a Houston Jaycees “Outstanding Houstonian”; a Texas Jaycees “Outstanding Texan”; and a U.S. Jaycees “Outstanding Young American”; among other recognitions. She serves as the Co-Host & Co-Producer of Latina Voices—Smart Talk. Sofia has been recognized for her public service by the City of Houston with a proclamation of July 10, 2004 & December 18, 2018, as “Sofia Adrogué Day.”

An innovative and tenacious advocate in and out of the courtroom, seasoned litigator and leader of 30 years, Sofia represents clients in diverse industries, ranging from entrepreneurs to multinational conglomerates with worldwide business holdings, including energy, healthcare, real estate, hotels, and cosmetic manufacturing. A native of Argentina, having handled matters arising in Texas, as well as in Buenos Aires, Mexico City, Puerto Rico, among other venues, she has obtained favorable judgments and settlements on behalf of

both plaintiffs and defendants in U.S. state and federal courts and in alternative dispute resolution (ADR—mediation & arbitration) proceedings. Her fluency in Spanish adds international flexibility to her cross-border, transnational disputes, and her cases have spanned the country and the globe, with an emphasis on Latin and Central America. As a partner in the national boutique of Diamond McCarthy LLP, with offices in Houston, Dallas, Los Angeles, San Francisco, and New York, she serves as an advocate and a facilitator, navigating and resolving a litany of issues, with deep industry knowledge, from the simplest to the most complex. A well-known thought leader and pragmatist, with her confident leadership and consistent persistence invaluable in turbulent times, she serves as outside general counsel for select clients, advising on best strategies and actionable resolutions for business success.