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## PRESS RELEASE

### **All-Latino Bench to Hear Oral Arguments for the First Time in the Appellate Division, Second Department's History**

**BROOKLYN, NY**—Presiding Justice Hector D. LaSalle of the Supreme Court, Appellate Division, Second Judicial Department, today announced that on **Tuesday, September 5, 2023**, oral arguments before the Second Department will be heard for the first time by an all-Latino bench in the Court's historic courtroom at 45 Monroe Place in Brooklyn.

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.

"I look forward to joining my colleagues on the bench on Tuesday, September 5, as the Court marks this important milestone. I take great pride and honor in being part of this historic event," said Presiding Justice LaSalle.

Justice LaSalle, who joined the Court as an Associate Justice in 2014 and was designated its Presiding Justice by the Governor in 2021, will be presiding over the bench that day. He will be joined by Justice Betsy Barros, who joined the Court in 2014 and has served as an Associate Justice on the Constitutional Bench since 2022; Justice Helen Voutsinas, who joined the Court in 2022; and Justice Lourdes M. Ventura, who joined the Court earlier this year.

The arguments will be live-streamed, starting at 10:00 a.m., via the Court's website, <https://www.nycourts.gov/courts/ad2/index.shtml>, and may be accessed by clicking on the Oral Argument Live link.

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