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## Industries

Construction Contracts  
and Labor  
Construction Litigation  
Education

## Practices

Litigation

## Education

J.D., Temple University  
James E. Beasley  
School of Law, 1972  
B.S., St. John's  
University, 1969  
Certificate on Mediation  
and Arbitration,  
Pepperdine University  
School of Law's Straus  
Institute for Dispute  
Resolution

## Bar Admissions

Pennsylvania  
New York  
District of Columbia  
United States Supreme  
Court  
United States Court of  
Appeals Third Circuit  
Supreme Court  
Pennsylvania  
United States District  
Court District of  
Columbia  
United States District

The Honorable Nelson Diaz concentrates his practice in the areas of litigation, dispute resolution, public housing issues and government relations. He has represented public entities, corporations, hospitals, banks, and non-profit organizations in both state and federal courts.

Nelson served as a judge for the Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas from 1981 through 1993. He was the youngest judge elected to the Court and the first Latino judge in Pennsylvania history.

In addition to his legal practice, Nelson served as the city solicitor of Philadelphia and was appointed by President Clinton to be the general counsel for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, where he focused on reforming public and mixed-use housing programs.

Nelson also served as a White House Fellow as special assistant to Vice President Walter Mondale.

## Professional and Community Activities

- Member, Blue Ribbon Commission to Secure Pennsylvania's Vote, Pitt Cyber
- PA Supreme Court Member, Appellate Rules Committee
- Former member of the board of directors of Exelon Corporation
- Member of the board of directors of PECO Energy
- Former member of the advisory board of PNC
- Member of the board of directors and executive committee of Temple University and served on the university's Presidential Search Committee and served on its Hospital Board
- Former General Counsel of the Urban Affairs Coalition
- Member of the President's Commission on White House Fellowships
- Former Member of the Philadelphia Children's Commission

- Court Eastern District of Pennsylvania
- United States District Court Eastern District of New York
- Vice Chair emeritus of the Visitors Bureau Multicultural Affairs Congress
- Former co-chair of the annual Martin Luther King Day of Service
- Former board member of the Pennsylvania Convention Center Authority
- Former board member of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania
- Former Chair of the Democratic National Committee's Hispanic Caucus
- Former Executive Director of the Spanish Merchants Association of Philadelphia
- Former board member of the Philadelphia Museum of Art
- Chair of the Board of the National Foundation for Credit Counseling
- Former member of the board of the William Penn Foundation

### **Speeches and Presentations**

- Speaker, "Corporate Board" hosted by KPMG Update, New York, April 25, 2012

### **Professional Recognition**

- Philadelphia Bar Association's Justice Sonia Sotomayor Diversity Award, 2015.
- Honored as one of the most influential Latinos of 2014, *Impacto Newspaper's* Delaware Valley Most Influential Latinos Award, 2014.
- Brillante Founder Award, National Society of Hispanic MBAs, 2014.
- Association for Independent Growth Foundation's Civic Leadership Award.
- American Bar Association's 2001 Spirit of Excellence Award.
- Thurgood Marshall College Fund Award of Excellence.
- Received several civil rights and management awards from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.
- Recognized as one of the 100 most influential Hispanic Americans by *Hispanic Business*.
- Awarded honorary doctorates from Temple University, La Salle University, Albright College and Lincoln University.
- Received the 2012 Latino Trendsetter Award.
- *Super Lawyers* 2004 – 2011, 2014 – 2016.

- Founding Member & Secretary, Latino Corporate Directors Association.

### **NEWS / EVENTS**

#### **Press Releases**

- The Honorable Nelson Diaz Honored at the Eleventh Annual Latino Trendsetter Awards
- Judge Nelson Diaz Honored by the Rutgers Latino Law Student Association ALIANZA
- Philadelphia Latino & Jewish Leaders Commit to Work Together on Common Issues
- Judge Nelson Diaz to be Honored at the Annual Puerto Rican Festival Awards Gala
- Dilworth Attorneys Named 2014 Pennsylvania Super Lawyers and Rising Stars
- Dilworth Attorneys Named 2015 Pennsylvania Super Lawyers And Rising Stars

#### **Media Coverage**

- Dilworth Paxson Partner, Hon. Nelson A. Diaz Quoted in Philadelphia Inquirer
- Exelon Honors Judge Nelson Diaz With Gift to Temple Law School
- Nelson Diaz profiled in Hispanic Executive Magazine
- Nelson Diaz Honored With Sotomayor Diversity Award
- Dilworth Paxson's Nelson Diaz a Guest Panelist on 6abc's Inside Story on July 2
- Dilworth's Nelson Diaz Discusses Bucks County Murders, Soda tax, & the New D.A. on 6abc's Inside Story
- Dilworth's Nelson Diaz Discusses Hurricane Harvey, Disaster Aid Funding. and Comparisons to Sandy Relief on 6abc's Inside Story
- The Autobiography of a Trailblazing Latino Judge

#### **Articles**

- Nelson Díaz on a Lifetime of Being 'The First Latino'

#### **E-Alerts**

- Dilworth's Nelson Diaz to Speak at Live Presentation of Juris-Docu-Drama, "Trial By Jury: A Case of Deportation"