

# CAROLINA CABRERA DIGIORGIO, ESQ.

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## BIOGRAPHY

Born in Tegucigalpa, Honduras, Ms. DiGiorgio immigrated to the United States in the mid-1980's. Her family relocated to Southern New Jersey where she was raised. Ms. DiGiorgio graduated from Rutgers University – Honors College where she majored in Politic Science and minored in Psychology and Spanish. She attended the University of Valencia, Spain during her third year where she studied translation, art history and international law. Upon graduating, with honors, she pursued her law degree at Rutgers University School of Law – Camden.

Currently, at the conclusion of a national search conducted by the Board of Directors in 2016, Carolina was selected and is serving as the President & Chief Executive Officer of Congreso de Latinos Unidos, a top 25 Latino focused non- profit organization in the Nation and one of the region's Top Workplaces. In this capacity, she oversees the functions of the multi-service agency, the Congreso Health Center and the Pan American Academy Charter School, which Congreso founded. Congreso operates with a 26M dollar operating budget and is nationally recognized for its Primary Client Model service delivery approach and its data and evaluation methodology assisting over 19,000 unduplicated clients each year. Congreso services one of the Nation's most impoverished and challenged communities. She was appointed to serve on the Pennsylvania delegation to the United States Global Advisory Commission, an organization dedicated to ensuring the United States' continued role as a humanitarian leader across the globe. Carolina also currently serves as Board Member of Covenant Bank/Covenant Financial, Inc., overseeing all lending matters and as an Advisory Member to Bryn Mawr Trust, a regional lending institution, advising on multicultural lending and outreach efforts. Carolina also recently concluded her service as a Commissioner for the Pennsylvania Women's Commission under the leadership of Governor Tom Wolf.

Ms. DiGiorgio previously served as Montgomery County's Director of Commerce where she was responsible for managing all County economic development and workforce development initiatives. As a direct report to the Montgomery County Board of Commissioners, she served as a liaison between these organizations and the County, as well a connection on behalf of the County to the community and business leaders. She previously served on the Board of Directors of the Philadelphia School Advocacy Partnership, a 501(c)(4) organization focusing on advocacy and education reform. From 2012 to 2014, she served on Governor Tom Corbett's Advisory Commission on Latino Affairs which focused on the education, economic development and civic engagement of Latinos across the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. She has also served the City of Philadelphia on numerous economic development task forces and commissions.

Ms. DiGiorgio previously practiced law at the law firm of Stradley Ronon Stevens & Young, LLP. As a member of Stradley Ronon's Business Practice Group and Spain and Latin America Practice Group, Carolina focused her practice on banking, real estate, commercial finance, and non profit organizations. As a senior associate, Carolina supervised and trained junior associates and co-counsel on various project management skills. Ms. DiGiorgio was also a member of the firm's Diversity Group, Hiring Committee and Associate Business Development Committee.

Carolina has been recognized regionally as a strong advocate and leader. In 2018, she was selected as one of the Philadelphia Business Journal's Women of Distinction, a recognition given to approximately 30 women out of almost 300 nominations. In addition, she is being recognized as one of the distinguished 2019 Girls Scouts Take the Lead Award Honorees given to one woman in the Southeast region demonstrating the traits of courage, confidence and character. In addition, she was named as one of the 2018 Commonwealth's Top 100 Latino Influencers. In addition, in 2018, she was honored to serve as the keynote speaker at Dauphin County's Hispanic Heritage Celebration and the regional Non Profit Women's Leadership Conference. Previously, in 2017 she was recognized as one of the Delaware Valley's Most Influential Latinos and recognized by City, State PA as one of Pennsylvania's Top 40 Under 40. In addition, she frequently serves as a motivational and keynote speaker to various events, primarily focused on young and professional women's leadership and mentorship, including Philadelphia's Latinas Lifestyle Series and Bold & Beautiful Reception, Montgomery County's Young Women's Rising Symposium, as well as had the honor of serving as the Harcum College Commencement Speaker in 2017. As an attorney, Carolina was recognized in 2014 as a national Lawyer of Color by Lawyers of Color Magazine.

She is actively involved civically and politically at the state and local levels. A community minded resident, she and her husband, Valentino, reside in Chester County, Pennsylvania, with their two sons, Julian Francis and Dominic Francis, and her three step children, Emily, Valentino and Olivia. Carolina is active in her children's academic and life development, volunteering with the Cub Scouts, coaching soccer and supporting her parish and her sons' elementary school at St. Norberts, Paoli, PA.