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Vivian Huelgo is Chief Counsel to the Task Force on Human Trafficking and Commission on Domestic & Sexual Violence of the American Bar Association (“ABA”). Ms. Huelgo leads the development and implementation of programs across multiple ABA entities using a team experienced staff and expert faculty designed to assist lawyers through continuing legal education programs; provision of legal technical assistance; publication of legal manuals, treatises and texts; and promotion of protective state and federal legislation. Ms. Huelgo was formerly the Director of the Community Law Project of Sanctuary for Families managing a team of staff attorneys and pro bono lawyers in representation of domestic violence and human trafficking victims from marginalized communities including immigrant populations and the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender community. At Sanctuary for Families, Ms. Huelgo helped craft legislative advocacy efforts, coordinated pro bono on family law matters and helped oversee law student programs in family court. Ms. Huelgo was the Director of Legal Services at Safe Horizon, Inc. the nation’s largest crime victim’s agency where she managed two legal programs: the Domestic Violence Law Project and the Immigration Law Project. She managed over a dozen staff who provided legal representation in family law and immigration matters to low-income and indigent victims of crime including trafficking, domestic violence, torture and abuse. Ms. Huelgo is a graduate of Fordham University School of Law. She served as a prosecutor in the New York County District Attorney's Office under the Honorable Robert M. Morgenthau where she prosecuted a variety of cases and supervised misdemeanor prosecutors in domestic violence cases.

Ms. Huelgo was an Adjunct Associate Professor of Law at Fordham and led the strategic planning of a “Family Justice Center” at the Office of the Mayor of the City of New York. Ms. Huelgo has lectured on behalf of the U.S Department of State, Coalition against Trafficking, and the ABA throughout Latin America, the Caribbean, and the United States on Criminal Justice Response to Gender Based Violence, Human Trafficking, Access to Justice, Custody Litigation, Pro Bono Program Development and Language Access.