

Press Release

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF INDIANA

A Vision of Justice: Finding a Seat at the Table Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month with the Hon. Juan R. Sánchez

Indianapolis, Indiana (September 7, 2021): On Wednesday, October 13, 2021, at 2:00 pm EDT, the United States District Court for the Southern District of Indiana and the Indiana State Bar Association Latino Affairs Committee will welcome the Hon. Juan R. Sánchez, Chief Judge of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, as the keynote speaker at their fifth annual Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration. **Due to the ongoing pandemic, at this time attorneys and members of the public are invited to participate virtually.** If conditions improve in the weeks leading up to the presentation and an in-person audience can convene safely, registrants will be given the option to attend in-person.

Chief Judge Sánchez will speak about his background and the path he took from his childhood in rural Puerto Rico to his appointment to the federal bench. Having found a "seat at the table," Chief Judge Sanchez champions initiatives aimed at transforming the justice system into one that recognizes the importance of diversity and inclusion. Judge Sánchez's presentation will provide attorneys and other attendees suggestions on how they can chart their own path toward this important goal.

Chief Judge Sánchez was nominated to the bench in 2003 by President George W. Bush. He was sworn in on July 9, 2004. Judge Sánchez previously served as a judge on the Court of Common Pleas of Chester County, PA, where he presided over civil, criminal, and juvenile matters. Born in Vega, Baja, Puerto Rico, Chief Judge Sanchez received his Bachelor of Arts degree, cum laude, from City College of the City University of New York, and his Juris Doctor from the University of Pennsylvania Law School.

The program will last one hour and one hour of Continuing Legal Education credit has been approved. Pre-registration is required and is available by emailing insd_cle@insd.uscourts.gov. There is no cost to attend, and the program is open to the public.