

HNBA Region XVIII Latina Leadership Academy

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8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

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Los Angeles, CA 90071

The **Hispanic National Bar Association** Region XVIII Latina Leadership Academy offers relevant professional development and leadership training aimed at Southern California Latina lawyers from all areas of the profession who have been in practice 10 years or less. The Academy's curriculum builds off the successful programs on Grit and Growth Mindset and delves into concepts of executive presence, cultivating leadership skills, and what it means to be authentic in organizations where Latinas remain underrepresented at all levels. Region XVIII Latina Leadership Academy will focus on the importance of recognizing and overcoming bias, executive coaching, and mindfulness and resilience. Through interactive presentations, attendees will leave with skills to manage difficult conversations, create opportunities for growth and development, and to effectively navigate stereotypes that create barriers for advancement. We hope to see you for this special event and look forward to connecting!

Academy Agenda

8:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. Networking Breakfast

8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. Welcome and Introduction of Panel Discussion

9:00 a.m. - 9:20 a.m. Key Note Speaker (Deana Ng)

9:20 a.m. - 9:50 a.m. Grit and Resilience Panel Discussion

9:50 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Break

10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Personal Branding Skills (Wendi Weiner aka The Writing Guru)

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Knowing Your Worth / Compensation and Negotiation Strategies

12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. Networking Lunch

Keynote Speaker

Deana Ng, *Vice President and Chief Risk Officer*, SoCalGas

Deana Ng is vice president and chief risk officer for Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas), a Sempra regulated California utility. She is responsible for the policy, governance, structures, process and guidelines for the companies' risk-management practices, and the interaction of risk management with asset and investment management. [Click here to learn more about Deana Ng.](#)

Panelists

- **Anet Castro Drapalski**, *Partner*, Fisher & Phillips LLP | [Bio](#)
- **Linda Igarashi**, *Partner*, Sheppard Mullin | [Bio](#)
- **Melissa A. Sandoval**, *Senior Counsel*, Southern California Gas Company | [Bio](#)
- **Conchita Valenzuela**, *Deputy General Counsel*, Confié | [Bio](#)
- **Heidy Vaquerano**, *Partner*, Fox Rothschild LLP | [Bio](#)
- **Wendi Weiner**, *Attorney & Award-Winning Writer*, The Writing Guru | [Bio](#)

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