

Latina Advocates

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Latino Leaders offers a portfolio of Latinas, from a former migrant worker who became a spokesperson for other migrant workers to a woman who dispenses millions in scholarships; from a consultant who guides Latinas up the corporate ladder to the first female judge on television and a doctor who headed a public health office during the AIDS epidemic. Their professions make them de facto advocates for women's and Latinos' rights.



Cristina

PEREZ

Univision's *La Corte de la Familia* host,
Latina attorney.

Bringing up divorce, physical and verbal abuse, custody, sexual dissatisfaction, paternity claims, infidelity, as well as child and spousal support, hundreds of Latinas and Latinos have found in Judge Cristina Perez a counselor and a conflict solver on their side.

Today she is first the female judge-actress to air on a nationally syndicated Spanish-language network series attracting old and young Latino generations alike.

The enormously popular host of NBC's Spanish language television program *La Corte de Familia* (Family Court) shows her flair for advocacy that she's had ever since she was a young kid. "My mother told me once that she always knew I was going to be an attorney because I was always defending people."

Her show aims at creating awareness of citizens' rights in America for an audience coming from countries with different legal systems. With a Juris Doctorate from Whittier Law School in Los Angeles, and two bachelors of arts degrees from the University of California, Perez successfully blends entertainment with education and social service.

Along with her husband, they have recently launched their own law firm, Perez-Gonzalez, specializing in immigration, labor certifications, and naturalization with a clientele that ranges from professional athletes to corporate executives. |

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