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BEATRIZ TRILLOS BALLERINI started her own immigration law practice in 2005. She is licensed to practice by the Supreme Court of Texas, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit and U.S. District Court of the Southern District of Texas. She is a Member of the College of the State Bar of Texas, State Bar Immigration and Nationality Law Section and Charter Member.

She has presented at the International Bar Association Annual Meeting, Immigration Law Section, AILA Texas Chapter Conferences, and AILA Mid South Conferences and is also a frequent speaker on local and national Univision on immigration law issues. She also serves as General Counsel to the Consulate General of Italy in Texas (2005-present). Attorney Ballerini was the Co-Chair of the AILA Texas Chapter Spring Conference in 2012. Super Lawyers Magazine and Texas Super Lawyers selected her to the 2014 Rising Star list and 2015 Rising Star list.

In her private practice, Attorney Ballerini focuses on a variety of immigration and nationality matters. She possesses extensive experience in employment-based immigration, namely visas for investors, multinational managers, professionals, persons of extraordinary ability, athletes and artists. She also handles labor certifications, national interest waivers and physician cases. Her firm also represents clients in a wide range of family based immigration, hardship waivers, naturalization and humanitarian visas. She is a native Spanish speaker, fluent in Italian and conversant in French.

Danuta “Danka” Villarreal is a Houston area-based attorney practicing exclusively in the area of U.S. immigration law since 2004. Ms. Villarreal’s practice focuses on representation of U.S. petitioners and foreign nationals in matters involving employment-based and family-based immigration, naturalization, humanitarian matters, as well as bond and removal proceedings. Ms. Villarreal obtained her undergraduate degree in English Studies and Conference Interpreting from the Adam Mickiewicz University in Poland, and graduated magna cum laude from the University of Houston Law Center. She was an Articles Editor for the Houston Journal of International Law, and authored a comment, *To Protect the Defenseless: The Need For Child-Specific Substantive Standards For Unaccompanied Minor Asylum-Seekers*, published by the journal. She is a member of American Immigration Lawyers Association, the College of the State Bar of Texas, ASISTA, Order of the Barons, and Order of the Coif. She is board certified in Immigration and Nationality Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization. Ms. Villarreal is a native speaker of Polish, and is fluent in Spanish.