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New Orleans attorney Judy Perry Martinez inducted into Warren E. Burger Society

Williamsburg, Va., Nov. 30, 2021 – Judy Perry Martinez, of counsel for the New Orleans law firm of Simon, Peragine, Smith & Redfearn, has been inducted into the National Center for State Courts' (NCSC) Warren E. Burger Society.

Named for the NCSC visionary and former U.S. Supreme Court chief justice, the Burger Society honors individuals who have used their time, talent and support to advance the organization in exceptional ways. Martinez was celebrated at an event in Washington, D.C., on Nov. 18.

Martinez is of counsel at Simon, Peragine, Smith & Redfearn, where she was a commercial litigator for more than 20 years before going to Northrop Grumman, where she became a vice president and chief compliance officer. Martinez is a 2015 Harvard Advanced Leadership Initiative Fellow and served as the 2019-20 president of the American Bar Association.

Martinez has been a long-time advocate for the need for legal reforms, particularly to close the nation's access-to-justice gap – a long-time NCSC initiative. Her commitment to public service includes her work to establish the New Orleans Pro Bono Project and serving as a pro bono fellow for Southeast Louisiana Legal Services.

Other 2021 Burger Society inductees include:

- Luther J. Battiste, III, founding shareholder of Johnson, Toal & Battiste in Columbia, S.C.;
- Russell C. Deyo, retired vice president and general counsel at Johnson & Johnson;
- Pamela Q. Harris, Maryland State Court Administrator;
- Nebraska Supreme Court Chief Justice Michael G. Heavican;

- Retired Judge Elizabeth P. “Libby” Hines of the 15th District Court in Ann Arbor, Mich.; and
- Simon M. “Sy” Lorne, vice chairman and chief legal officer at Millennium Management, a New York City investment management firm.

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