

Nelson Diaz

- Served as the City Solicitor for the City of Philadelphia and Judge of the Court of Common Pleas, First Judicial District of Pennsylvania
- Pennsylvania's first Latino Judge, first presidentially appointed Latino general counsel
- Appointed by President Bill Clinton as a general counsel to the Department of Housing and Urban Development.
- Worked to recruit and increase Temple University's population of students of color
- Active in Hispanic Community, helped revitalize business districts in Latino neighborhoods, increasing opportunities for minority professionals and empowering young radicals to explore different paths

Primary Sources

Nelson A. Diaz papers, 1967-2011

This extensive collection documents Diaz's activities relating to Hispanic issues, organizations, and events; his work with and for various boards and committees; his work as a judge and an attorney; and his numerous other activities. Materials include correspondence, memos, minutes, reports, transcripts, by-laws, mailing lists, financial data, petitions, clippings, personnel documents, photographs, and audio and video cassettes.

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Spanish Merchants Association of Philadelphia Records, 1970-1988

The records of the Spanish Merchants Association of Philadelphia date from 1970 to 1988. The collection contains correspondence, board minutes, financial and administrative records, applications for federal contract awards and supporting documentation, annual and other reports, newspaper clippings, project files, community surveys, planning studies, statistical information, and printed materials pertaining to SMA activities. These materials shed light on a wide range of topics of interest

to students of public policy and of Puerto Rican and Latino affairs.

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