

## New Leaders in the Law

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“Last year, the Connecticut Law Tribune revived its “New Leaders in the Law” issue, printing the edition for the first time in six years. We had about 200 nominations and ended up choosing 60 people – all under age 40 – to honor. This year, we were worried the pickings might be slimmer. We were wrong. More than 300 nominations cascaded in. This time, anguishing over every last omission, we chose 62 young lawyers . . .” - Paul Sussman, Editor-in-Chief, Connecticut Law Tribune

### **EDWIN D. COLON**

#### **Center for Children's Advocacy**

Age: 38

Law School: University of Connecticut School of Law

College: University of Puerto Rico

Position: Staff Attorney

Edwin represents low-income children who are the most vulnerable in our state — victims of abuse and neglect, children with disabilities, and children who are new to our country. He is a skilled advocate who can get 'up to speed' quickly when need be. One example was with a 17-year-old who needed representation in Probate Court before he turned 18 in four weeks. Edwin jumped right in and immediately met with the boy and his aunt to get a full understanding of the case. He quickly filed the necessary paperwork to get an emergency hearing which resulted in a successful disposition in his client's favor.

- Came to the law after a career as a social worker.
- Worked for the state child welfare system and for a private agency providing support to foster families in Connecticut.
- In current job, investigated and addressed the systemic failure to implement special education plans and identify students with disabilities by a Fairfield County school district.
- Maintains a legal clinic inside Warren Harding High School in Bridgeport where he sees students and families on legal issues.

