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## **Hon. Mildred Caban Named 2014 CARE Volunteer of the Year**

ALEXANDRIA, VA - Complete text of the CARE Volunteer of the Year Award Presentation by ABI President, Brian Shaw, given on December 5, 2014 at the ABI Winter Leadership Conference, at La Quinta Resort and Club, Palm Springs, California:

"It now gives me great pleasure to present the inaugural CARE Volunteer of the Year Award.

This award will be presented annually to one individual who exemplifies outstanding leadership and dedication to CARE's mission - educating young adults on the responsible use of credit and the potential consequences of credit card abuse.

I am pleased to present this year's award to The Honorable Mildred Cabán, United States Bankruptcy Court Judge for the District of Puerto Rico.

Judge Caban received her B.A. from Barnard College, and her J.D. from New York University School of Law. After clerking for the Honorable Héctor M. Laffitte of the United States District Court for the District of Puerto Rico, she joined the firm of Brown Newsom & Córdova. She was a partner for eleven years at Goldman Antonetti & Córdova, P.S.C., where her law practice focused on representing creditors in both commercial and consumer bankruptcy cases. She is a member of the Public Outreach Committee for the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges and she chairs the Hispanic National Bar Association Liaison Committee for the NCBJ. She has been a speaker on various bankruptcy and consumer law topics for various organizations and is a member of several bar associations.

This past February, during ABI's Caribbean Insolvency Symposium in San Juan, Judge Cabán announced to attendees that her court would establish the first CARE program on the island.

Judge Cabán's court staff spearheaded a blitz media campaign, lining up several radio interviews and public speaking engagements promoting CARE locally. Press releases were issued to local print media. Things got off to a quick start.



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Since then CARE Puerto Rico has reported brisk activity. The program has boasts 16 active volunteers, and Club Rotario de Santurce - the only official bilingual Rotary club in Puerto Rico - adopted CARE as it's community service project for 2014, doubling the volunteer base, and providing much-needed Spanish translation of CARE's teaching materials.

In nine short months, CARE Puerto Rico has presented CARE Talks to 12 schools, reaching hundreds of young adults. Judge Cabán has personally presented many of these talks.

She tirelessly promotes the CARE message outside of the classroom, taking her message to Boys and Girls Clubs and homeschools, bringing students into her courtroom, and even volunteering on behalf of CARE in the Fundraiser for Cancer Patients Relay Race in Bayamon. Early next month, she will travel to the municipality of Vieques, a small island off the big island of Puerto Rico to give a CARE Talk at a community center for teens and adults.

The accolades from educators say it best: Judge Cabán is amazing with kids! She joyfully taught the CARE Seminar to various groups of homeschoolers, and they loved her."

"She is active in children's projects that help strengthen values which are missing in some parts of todays society."

As one nominee put it... SHE'S SIMPLY THE BEST!

Ladies and gentlemen the 2014 CARE Volunteer of the Year... Judge Mildred Cabán ..."

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Founded in 2002, the Credit Abuse Resistance Education (CARE) program, educates high school and college students on the responsible use of credit and other fundamentals of financial literacy, as well as the potential consequences of poor money management and credit card abuse. CARE has a presence in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. For more information on CARE visit [www.care4yourfuture.org](http://www.care4yourfuture.org).