



## **Mireya Brooks** **VP of Alumni & Secretary**

Ms. Mireya Brooks is the VP of Alumni & Secretary and co-founder of Pan Canal Alumni Association. In this role, she is committed to reach out to all former Canal Zone alumni, workers and their descendants to encourage their participation as members of the organization, to build a strong network to share knowledge, and to encourage their support of the organization goals. Mireya was born, raised, and resided in Paraiso on the former Canal Zone. She attended Canal Zone College and worked as a Clerk for Balboa

High School. She is the proud daughter of Frederick and Dorothy Brooks. Frederick Brooks was a Panama Canal Firefighter for more than 15 years for the Balboa Fire Department. Visit <http://www.panamacanalfire.homestead.com> to learn more about these great firefighters. Her mother Dorothy was a Pianist and Organist for the St. Joseph's Catholic Church in the town of Paraiso, Canal Zone; she was the first Choir Director to conduct praise and worship live on Channel 2, in Panama City, with the Junior and Senior Choir of St. Joseph's Church of Paraiso. Dorothy Brooks also worked as the Secretary of Paraiso-Santa Cruz-Pedro Miguel Elementary Schools (combined); later was Secretary of Paraiso Junior and Senior High School and Cashier at Balboa College. Ms. Dorothy Brooks retired from the Balboa Police Division where she was the timekeeper. Mireya is proud to praise her parent accomplishments and they serve as a major inspiration in her role to reach out and unite former Canal Zone Alumni, workers and descendants of the Panama Canal under our umbrella.

Mireya is a proven results-oriented and well-rounded business professional with more than 15 years of combined work experience in business and office management, human resources (executive recruitment, hiring, and staffing), production control, planning, scheduling, subcontracting, and loan funding. She is currently the owner of Imaginations by Mireya. Imaginations by Mireya offer creative cornrows and individual braids with extensions. Mireya concurrently works as Receptionist for the Law Offices of Horvitz and Levy, LLP, the largest and oldest civil appellate law firm in California. Prior to Horvitz and Levy she worked as an Executive Recruiter for Taub & Associates, as Bilingual Account Manager for Volt Services, and as a Funder at Onyx Financial Service and Lendco Financial Services. Mireya is bilingual, fluent in English and Spanish.

She is the proud mother of two children, her daughters Kalyani and Monique Brooks. She is also loyal basketball fan and her favorite team is the Los Angeles Lakers.