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HNBA WELCOMES 2009 - 2010 BOARD OF GOVERNORS AND OFFICERS

Román D. Hernández of Schwabe, Williamson & Wyatt takes the helm as HNBA National President

Washington, DC – The members of the Hispanic National Bar Association (HNBA) are pleased to announce the 2009 – 2010 HNBA Board of Governors and newly appointed officers. Román D. Hernández, partner at Schwabe, Williamson & Wyatt, was sworn-in as National President along with its new Board of Governors at the 34th Annual Convention in Albuquerque, New Mexico this past September 5, 2009.

“I am truly honored to serve as National President of the HNBA,” stated Hernández “Last month, America witnessed HNBA Member Sonia M. Sotomayor being sworn in as Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States. This historic moment highlights the advancement Hispanics have made in the legal profession and also underscores the work that still lies ahead.”

“I am honored to have the opportunity to lead and work with a top-notch board whose advocacy work plays an integral role in bringing diversity to the legal profession,” Hernández added.

The 2009-2010 HNBA Board of Governors and officers includes:

Executive Committee:

President: **Román D. Hernández**

President-Elect: **Diana Sen**

Immediate Past President: **Ramona E. Romero**

Vice President of External Affairs: **Liz Lopez**

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Vice President of Programs: **Sean Andrade**
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Regional Presidents:

Region I (NE): **Roberta Ruiz**
Region II (NY): **Gelvina Stevenson**
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Region XII (AR, LA, OK, TX): **David Maldonado**
Region XVI (AK, ID, MT, OR, WA): **Jesse Valdez**
Region XVII (Northern CA, HI): **Helen Santana**
Region XVIII (Southern CA): **Gabriel Sandoval**
Region XIX (U.S. Virgin Islands, PR, Guam): **Richard Graffam**

Other Board Members:

Young Lawyers Division Representative: **Melisa Lopez-Franzen**

Law Student Division President: **Giovanny Ricaldes**

Judicial Co-Liaison: **Hon. Francisca Cota & Hon. Carmen Velasquez**

The Hispanic National Bar Association (HNBA) is an incorporated, not-for-profit, national membership organization that represents the interests of the more than 100,000 Hispanic attorneys, judges, law professors, legal assistants, and law students in the United States and its territories. From the days of its founding three decades ago, the HNBA has acted as a force for positive change within the legal profession. For more information, please visit www.hnba.com
