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HNBA ANNOUNCES RECIPIENTS FOR ITS TOP LAWYERS UNDER FORTY AWARDS

Washington, D.C. – The Hispanic National Bar Association (HNBA) congratulates seven (7) accomplished HNBA members under the age of 40 who have distinguished themselves as young Hispanic lawyers in the upper echelon of the legal profession nationally. The Association has selected the Hispanic attorneys below to receive its prestigious HNBA “Top Lawyers Under Forty” Award (listed in alphabetical order):

M. Lorena González, Attorney, Schroeter, Goldmark & Bender (Seattle, Washington);

Juan Carlos Linares, Global Real Estate Manager and Assistant General Counsel, IES Abroad (Chicago, Illinois);

Ur Mendoza Jaddou, Chief Counsel of the House of Representatives Judiciary Committee’s Subcommittee on Immigration, Citizenship, Refugees, Border Security, and International Law (Washington D.C.);

M. Suzette Recinos, Senior Counsel, Pitney Bowes, Inc. (Rowayton, Connecticut);

Peter D. Ricoy, Associate General Counsel, The Regence Group (Portland, Oregon);

Daniel D. Santos, Attorney, Saul Ewing LLP (Harrisburg, Pennsylvania); and

Jennifer E. Yruegas, Assistant General Counsel-NIKE Affiliates (Beaverton, Oregon).

The HNBA’s “Top Lawyers Under Forty” Award celebrates and highlights the accomplishments and contributions of younger HNBA members. The Award honors lawyers who have demonstrated professional excellence, integrity, leadership and commitment to the Latino community. HNBA Members from all segments of the profession, including private practice, government, public interest, academia, and corporate legal departments, are eligible to receive the Award.

“We are proud of these seven young HNBA members for their extraordinary accomplishments, contributions and breadth of engagement. They have distinguished themselves in their professional careers, endeavors and communities at a relatively early stage,” said HNBA President Ramona E. Romero. “On behalf of the HNBA Board of Governors, I congratulate them and wish them continued success,” said Ms. Romero. HNBA President-Elect Román D. Hernández, who chaired the Selection Committee, noted that, “while the HNBA received nominations for many exceptionally qualified lawyers, those lawyers selected for the Award are our best and brightest from different regions across the country.”

The HNBA will present the “Top Lawyers Under Forty” Award at its upcoming Mid-Year Conference and National Moot Court Competition on March 5-7, 2009 in Coral Gables, Florida. For more information about the 2009 Mid-Year Conference, including registration information, please log onto the HNBA website at www.hnba.com. To learn more about the HNBA’s Top Lawyers Under Forty Award and its eligibility criteria, please visit <http://www.hnba.com/mc/page.do?sitePageId=82589&orgId=hnba>.

The 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, Puerto Rico and the U.S. territories. For more information about the HNBA, please visit www.hnba.com.

For nearly four decades the HNBA has acted as a force for positive change within American society and the legal profession. It does so through non-partisan advocacy on policy issues relevant to Hispanic lawyers and the Latino community and by encouraging Latino students to choose a career in the law and promoting their advancement within the profession once they graduate and begin practicing. Through a combination of issue advocacy, programmatic activities, networking events, and educational conferences, the HNBA has helped generations of lawyers succeed.

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