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HNBA SUPPORTS NOMINATION OF SEASONED ENVIRONMENTAL LAW ATTORNEY, IGNACIA S. MORENO, FOR ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL FOR THE ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES DIVISION OF THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

WASHINGTON, DC – The Hispanic National Bar Association (HNBA) applauds President Obama’s decision to nominate Ignacia S. Moreno as Assistant Attorney General for the Environment and Natural Resources Division (“Division”) of the U.S. Department of Justice. Ms. Moreno has stellar academic and professional credentials, a proven commitment to the environment, and a long record of public and community service. When nominated and confirmed, she will be the first Hispanic woman to serve as an Assistant Attorney General in recent history.

“I have known Ms. Moreno for about fifteen years,” said Ramona E. Romero, President of the HNBA, “and can personally attest to her brilliance, integrity, commitment to environmental enforcement, and record of service to the Hispanic community. President Obama could not have made a better choice.” Ms. Moreno is a leading practitioner in the field of environmental and natural resources law. During the Clinton Administration, she served with distinction in the Division for over six years. As Counsel to the Assistant Attorney General for the Division, she participated in the management of the Division, led significant domestic and international environmental enforcement initiatives, expanded and managed the Division’s international program, handled litigation, and provided advice and counsel to the Assistant Attorney General on a wide variety of matters. Her prior experience with the Division will allow her to be an informed and integral part of the Department of Justice from day one.

Ms. Moreno’s professional record also includes two achievements often denied to women of color – partnership at an important law firm and service as a senior environmental lawyer at a Fortune 50 company. Alejandra Y. Castillo, Co-Chair of the HNBA’s Executive Endorsements Committee, noted that Ms. Moreno is “not only a leading expert in the field of environmental law, but she is also one of a small number of attorneys of color in this substantive area that impacts the Latino community and all Americans.”

The HNBA is an incorporated, not-for-profit, national membership organization that represents the interests of the more than 100,000 attorneys, judges, law professors, legal assistants, and law students of Hispanic descent in the United States, its territories and Puerto Rico. Through its Presidential Appointments Project, the HNBA has gathered and provided the White House with numerous resumes of Latino lawyers interested in serving in the Administration. For more information about the HNBA and its Appointments Project, please visit www.hnba.com.

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