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### **FUTURE LATINO LEADERS LAW CAMP**

The Hispanic National Bar Foundation and the Hispanic National Bar Association are conducting their First Annual law camp for high school students this summer. The event will take place at Georgetown University from July 24 through 31, and includes high school students from the states of Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Minnesota, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Texas.

The Law Camp will provide participants with an introduction to basic legal concepts, including the fundamentals of a trial, the operation of government, and the creation of law and policy in our nation's capital. Participating judges, elected and appointed officials and distinguished attorneys will serve as role models for the students. The students will visit and meet with Spanish Ambassador Carlos Westendorp, the United States Treasurer, Anna Escobedo Cabral, United States Senator Mel Martinez of Florida, Congressman Robert Menendez of New Jersey, Honorable Ricardo M. Urbina of the United States Federal District Court, and the Honorable Hiram Puig-Lugo of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia.

The students will learn the variety of careers they can pursue with a law degree, about the business world, networking and becoming leaders in their communities. They will also learn about preparing for college and available scholarship opportunities. Attorneys, leaders and executives from Merrill Lynch, Wal-Mart, Hispanic Scholarship Fund, Law School Admissions Council, and Georgetown Faculty will speak during the law camp program and assist in teaching the mock trial materials. The students will build and hone their communication and leadership skills in final preparation for a mock trial. On Saturday, July 30, 2005, a mock trial competition will take place, with various distinguished

judges hearing arguments and issuing the final decrees. A graduation and awards ceremony will follow.

The Hispanic National Bar Foundation (HNBF) is a non-profit corporation organized for charitable and educational purposes and has been the principal force behind the education of Hispanic attorneys and law students throughout the United States and Puerto Rico for the past 15 years. The Hispanic National Bar Association (HNBA) is an incorporated, non-profit, national association representing the interest of over 25,000 Hispanic American attorneys, judges, law professors, and law students in the United States and Puerto Rico.

Sponsors: State Farm Companies, Kilpatrick, Stockton, LLP, PepsiCo, Inc. and General Motors.

Honorable mentions: Wal-Mart, Nike, Merrill Lynch, Hispanic Scholarship Fund, Law School Admission Council, Georgetown Faculty, and bar members from Georgia Hispanic Bar Association, New Mexico Hispanic Bar, Minnesota Hispanic Bar Association, New Jersey Hispanic Bar Association, New York Hispanic Bar Association, Ohio Hispanic Bar Association, Mexican-American Hispanic Bar Association, Florida Hispanic Bar Association, and Pennsylvania Hispanic Bar Association.

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