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HNBA APPOINTMENTS PROJECT IDENTIFIES PERSONNEL FOR PRESIDENT-ELECT OBAMA'S NEW ADMINISTRATION

Since his election, President-Elect Obama's transition teams have been busy seeking key and qualified persons to fill important positions within the new Administration. Many of the several thousand positions listed in the Plum Book (U.S. Government Policy and Supporting Positions 2008 Edition) must be filled by attorneys or by persons with legal skills.

Well before November 4th, the Hispanic National Bar Association (HNBA) established a program to identify persons within its membership with an interest in serving in appointed positions in the federal government. The program, the HNBA Appointments Project, has yielded a significant number of Latina and Latino lawyers who are both interested in and well-qualified for presidential appointments. The HNBA Appointments Project Steering Committee has forwarded their names and resumes to the Obama Presidential Transition Team and is now in communication with them concerning the applicants. Information about the Appointments Project is available on the HNBA website at www.hnba.com.

"The HNBA is in a unique position to be of great service to the country and the incoming Obama administration," said Ramona E. Romero, HNBA National President. "We are taking this opportunity to be of service very seriously and doing all we can to further the candidacies of talented, well-qualified HNBA members who would be great contributors to our Nation's government. Our communications with members of the transition teams indicate that the HNBA applicants are being afforded serious consideration. This is important because of the vast talent, experience, honed skills and much needed diversity that these individuals would bring to the new Administration."

The Hispanic National Bar Association 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, its territories and Puerto Rico. For more information about the HNBA, please visit www.hnba.com.