

Press Release

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**DUARD D. BRADSHAW, PRESIDENT HISPANIC NATIONAL BAR ASSOCIATION**

(Atlanta, GA — October 19, 2002) — Duard D. Bradshaw of Barberton, Ohio, was installed as the 30th President of the Hispanic National Bar Association, during its 30th Anniversary Convention. The Hispanic National Bar Association (HNBA) founded in 1972, is the national association representing over 25,000 Hispanic American attorneys, judges, law students, and law professors. As the national voice for the Hispanic legal community for the past thirty years, the HNBA seeks to increase professional opportunities for all Hispanics in the legal profession, and address issues of concern to the national Hispanic community. The fair, equitable access and representation to legal education and in the courts are fundamental civil rights that are fundamental goals of the HNBA.

Bradshaw is a partner with the law firm of Roderick Linton, LLP, a full-service business law firm with 24 attorneys located in Akron, Ohio. He is the first lawyer in Akron, Ohio to be leading a national bar association. He has a long career and expertise in general corporate law with an emphasis in the formation, merger and acquisition of corporations and other business entities, as well as in immigration law.

Bradshaw's most recent posts in the HNBA were serving as vice-president of Programs and Committees and chair of the Judicial Appointments Committee, where he worked to promote the selection, nomination, and confirmation of Hispanic attorneys and judges to the federal judiciary. Bradshaw is committed to continue his work in promoting the appointment and confirmation of the first Hispanic to the United States Supreme Court. Bradshaw, after attending George Washington University, received his Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from Kent State University, at Kent, Ohio, in 1966. After a tour of active duty with the United States Air Force, he went on to earn a Juris Doctor degree from the University Of Akron School of Law in 1972.

An active member of the HNBA since 1987, where he is a member of the Founder's Circle, and former Regional Deputy President, Bradshaw is also a former two term president of the Ohio Hispanic Bar Association. As an active member of the Akron Bar Association, Bradshaw has served in the Judicial Evaluation Committee, chair of the World through Peace Committee and the Military Law Committee, and vice chair of the Young Lawyers Committee. He is also a member of the American Bar Association, Ohio Bar Association, Inter-American Bar Association, and the American Immigration Lawyers Association. Bradshaw, a native of Panama and fluent in Spanish, was distinguished in April 2002, by being admitted to the Colegio Nacional de Abogados de Panama, the Panama Bar Association.

Bradshaw is a retired Lieutenant Colonel from the U.S. Air Force Reserves, having served in Viet-Nam and multiple overseas assignments. He served as an attorney and treaty plans officer for the Center for Treaty Affairs, Headquarters, U.S. Southern Command. During Operation Desert Storm, Bradshaw was activated to active duty and served as the Chief, Wing Intelligence Officer for a fighter training wing in

Florida. While on active duty and a member of the U.S. Air Force Reserve and Ohio Air National Guard, Bradshaw received the Meritorious Service Medal, Air Force Commendation Medal, and Ohio Commendation Medal for Meritorious Service, as well as numerous other awards.

Bradshaw has been highly involved in his community. In Ohio, Bradshaw was vice-chair for the Commission on Spanish Speaking Affairs. In Summit County, Ohio, he is a Trustee for the Summit County Chapter of the American Red Cross and a member of the Advisory Committee on Minorities, The Vernon L. Odom Fund, for the Akron Community Foundation. He also served as chair of the Citizens Advisory Committee for Community Development, trustee to the Edwin Shaw Hospital, the Metropolitan Transit Authority, and Edwin Shaw Hospital Foundation. . In his hometown of Barberton, he was served as trustee for the Barberton Area YMCA, Board Member, Arbitration and Conciliation Office, Cleveland Diocese. He is a former vice-president, treasurer, and board member of the Barberton Jaycees.

Bradshaw is married to Helen R. Bradshaw, a Silver Spring, Maryland native and registered nurse. Helen and he have four children, Lisa Crabtree, Michele McGrath, Duard Dennis, and David Daniel.