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**HNBA ANNOUNCES HISTORIC COLLABORATIVE EFFORT WITH THE ABA**

(Washington, DC). The Hispanic National Bar Association (“HNBA”) announces the participation of the HNBA International Law Section at the 2009 Fall Meeting of the American Bar Association’s (ABA) Section on International Law (October 28-31, Miami, Florida). The event marks the first time that the two national bar associations have worked together in an integrated fashion on a substantive law program that reflects new approaches for diversity in the U.S. legal profession.

The HNBA International Law Section has organized a presentation by a panel comprised of HNBA members that are in-house counsel to major U.S. companies doing significant business in Latin America. Included on the panel are the Moderator Ms. Suzette Recinos (Chair, HNBA International Law Section; Associate General Counsel, Pitney Bowes); Mr. Alberto Mora (General Counsel, Mars, Inc.); Mr. Peter M. Reyes, Jr. (Senior Counsel, Intellectual Property, Cargill), Ms. Ramona E. Romero (Assistant General Counsel, DuPont); and Mr. Luis Artime (Associate General Counsel, Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.). The panel will address recent legal developments in Latin America and offer insights particular to the perspective of U.S. Latino in-house counsel.

“The HNBA is excited about this opportunity to showcase the depth of our HNBA talent and skills,” said Román D. Hernández, HNBA National President. “In the end, “diversity” means improving the U.S. legal profession and quality of service it provides to all persons within the United States. This HNBA-ABA collaborative effort helps achieve that goal,” continued Hernández.

“Diversity is an important mission during my term President,” said Carolyn B. Lamm, ABA President. “I am pleased that the ABA Section on International Law and the HNBA International Law Section have achieved this collaborative effort for it reflects another area that requires greater, much needed diversity, and that is collaborative efforts to improve our profession.”

HNBA and ABA leaders will be present at the panel presentation, which will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, October 30, 2009, at the Eden Roc Hotel in South Beach. For more program and registration information on the Fall Meeting of the ABA Section on International Law, please see <http://www.abanet.org/intlaw/fall09/>.

*The Hispanic National Bar Association (HNBA) is an incorporated, nonpartisan, 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 and its territories. From the days of its founding over three decades ago, the HNBA has acted as a force for positive change within the legal profession. For more information, please visit [www.hnba.com](http://www.hnba.com)*

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