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ZURAYA TAPIA-ALFARO NAMED EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF HISPANIC NATIONAL BAR ASSOCIATION

Washington, D.C. – The Hispanic National Bar Association (HNBA) announced this week that it has selected Zuraya Tapia-Alfaro as its new Executive Director and hosted a celebration in her honor at the offices of Sidley Austin LLP in Washington, D.C. She will be based in Washington, D.C. where the organization is headquartered. As the HNBA's Chief Operating Officer and Chief Financial Administrator, Ms. Tapia-Alfaro will direct the day-to-day operations, supervise staff, and support the HNBA Board of Governors in the development and execution of programs and policies.

Prior to joining the HNBA, Zuraya was employed with NDN (formerly known as the New Democrat Network), a Washington D.C. based think tank. At NDN, she served as the Advocacy Director, working to articulate NDN's agenda to Congress, primarily as it related to NDN's Hispanic Strategy Center. Zuraya began her career in private law practice; obtained her J.D. in Mexico and subsequently earned the degree of Master of Laws at the Georgetown University Law Center.

"The HNBA is excited about Zuraya Tapia-Alfaro becoming our new Executive Director. Zuraya is exceedingly qualified given her vast experience on Capitol Hill; as Advocacy Director for NDN; and her international litigation experience with Pillsbury Winthrop. We are very confident that Zuraya will provide exceptional leadership and will represent us well as we execute our national initiatives." said Román D. Hernández, HNBA National President.

"As a long-time member of the organization and strong believer in its core mission, I am honored to take on the role of Executive Director, and I look forward to continuing to work on the issues that I am most passionate about," said Ms. Tapia-Alfaro.

"I am proud to work alongside such accomplished and passionate individuals as we help move the Hispanic community forward and foster the legal profession among Hispanics."

The Hispanic National Bar Association is one of the largest professional organizations in the United States, representing the interests of over 100,000 Hispanic attorneys, judges, law professors, and law students in the United States and Puerto Rico. The primary goals of the HNBA are to increase professional opportunities for Hispanics in the legal profession and to address issues of concern to the Hispanic community in the United States.

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