

Press Release

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**HNBA ANNOUNCES GRANT OF FREE MEMBERSHIP TO ALL LAW STUDENTS, FIRST YEAR ASSOCIATES AND LEGAL ASSISTANTS**

**(Washington, DC - October 9, 2003)** — The Hispanic National Bar Association is pleased to announce a unanimous vote of its Board of Governors to grant free membership to all law students, first year associates and legal assistants in an effort to encourage Hispanic attorneys to become more active in their local and national bar association as well as to provide mentorship and employment opportunities. This change is effective immediately.

**ABOUT THE HNBA**

The Hispanic National Bar Association (HNBA) is a non-profit, national association representing the interest of Hispanic American attorneys, judges, law professors, law graduates, law students, legal administrators, and legal assistants or paralegals in the United States and Puerto Rico. Its continuing mission: To improve the study, practice, and administration of justice for all Americans by ensuring the meaningful participation of Hispanic Americans, in the legal profession.

The primary objectives of the HNBA are to increase professional opportunities for Hispanics in the legal profession, and address issues of concern to the national Hispanic community. Legal education and civil rights have been fundamental concerns of the HNBA from the beginning. Judicial appointments and political representation are also priorities of the HNBA.

The role of the HNBA is to provide professional services to our members who seek assistance on their own professional advancement and on issues that affect the Hispanic Community. But ultimately, the HNBA works diligently to bring about a better understanding and confidence in our legal system for everyone.